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# Tech Out To Revive Tradition With WKU

Cookeville — Tennessee Tech will be out to revive an old Eagle tradition Saturday afternoon when they meet Western Kentucky in Bowling Green—spoiling Western's homecoming.

They used to do it frequently, many years ago. Of course, Western retaliated on occasion, but that's beside the point for the moment. Both Western and Tech got tired of losing their respective homecomings, so they changed to other teams they felt more certain they could beat.

But now Western has again selected Tech for the sacrificial role, and with apparently good reason—on paper. Repeat, on paper.

Here is the way the paper reads. In the OVC, Western is second only to East Tennessee in the rugged art of defense, and East Tennessee held the Eagles to a puny 149 yards total offense in swamping them 30-7 last week. Tech's defense, on the other hand, ranks lowest in the Conference. 393 yards per game, to be exact.

Tech has a slightly better offensive average—293 yards per game compared to 223 for Western. So the game stacks

up as Tech's slightly more productive offense against Western's greatly superior defense.

The failure of Tech's offense to produce better results is that it has to depend almost entirely on hard-running tailback Larry Schreiber who has lugged the ball on an average of 170 yards per game. Schreiber's yardage has declined progressively with each game, starting with 255 in the first game, 215 in the second, 107 in the third and 102 last week.

He can probably be counted on for 100-yards-plus in most of the remaining games, if his tired legs hold out, but the yards come harder with each game as the holes in front of him become smaller and less frequent.

COACH DON Wade spotted the fundamental weakness of the Eagles before the season started when he announced, "If our offensive line comes through, we are going to be hard to beat."

It hasn't. Its weakness has

not only hurt Schreiber's rushing, but it has made life miserable for quarterbacks Russ Quay and David Fair. Neither of the two are particularly agile or fast, but they could throw with reasonable effectiveness if they were given just a little better protection than they have been getting.

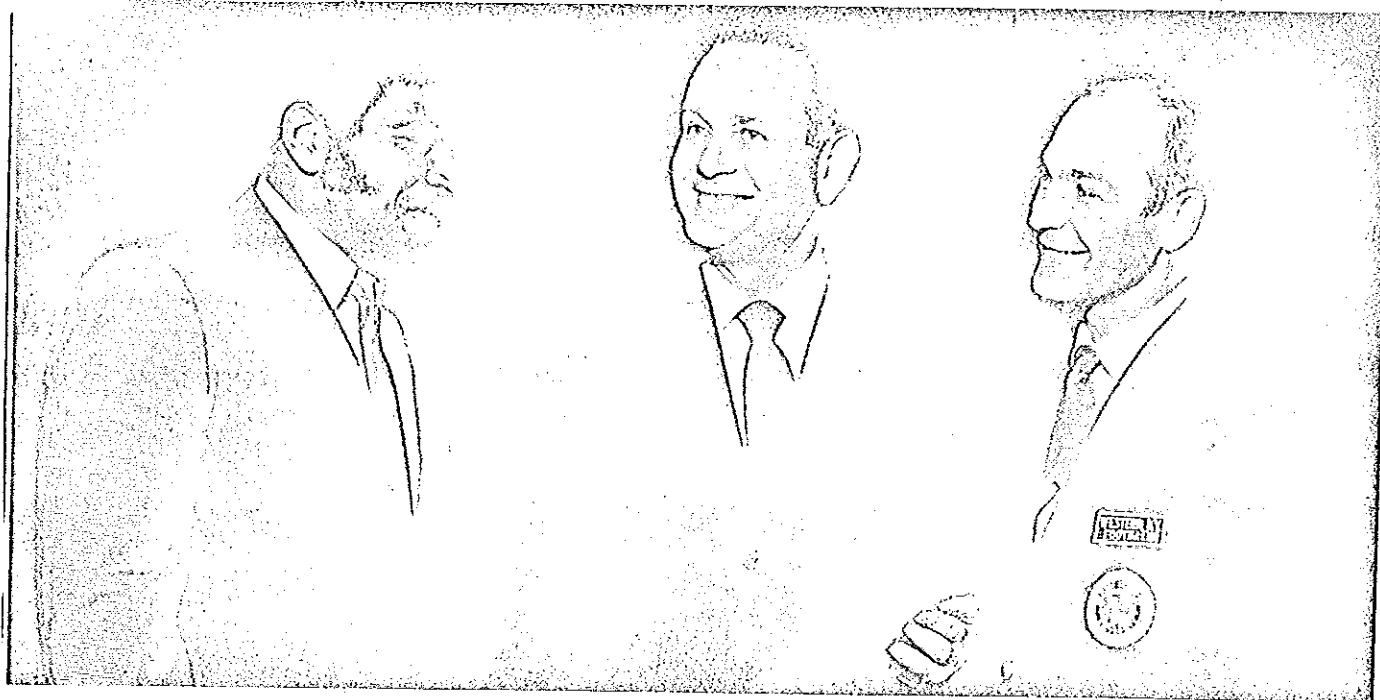
Yet, Wade, to the surprise of only those persons who think the score tell the whole story of the game, was high in his praise of his defensive unit against East Tennessee. He admitted, "We let them bomb us with long passes for two scores, but from there on it was their defense that pulverized our offense and forced us into errors on which they capitalized."

Later he added, "Western plays it a lot like East Tennessee and our problem will be about the same as it was last week."

In practice this week Wade is trying out some freshmen in the places of some of the starters who have not been producing, but he has not announced and lineup changes yet.

The Eagles may go into the game with more spirit than ever. "Look what Vanderbilt did," they reason.

# Tops Duel Tennessee Tech



**TOPPERS PLEDGE BEST** — Western football captain Romeo Crennel and coach Jimmy Feix present new university president Dero Downing with a letter signed by every member

of the squad pledging their best efforts against Tennessee Tech in the Hilltoppers' 40th Homecoming game tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m.

## Homecoming Tilt

# Toppers Seek 1st OVC Win

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

That old irresistible force meets that old immovable object here tomorrow at 2 p.m. when Western takes on Tennessee Tech in the Hilltoppers' Homecoming football game.

The irresistible force is Tech's 200-pound fullback Larry Schreiber, who owns 14 school and six Ohio Valley Conference running records.

The immovable object is Western's line, which is primarily responsible for the Hilltoppers owning the second best rushing defense in the OVC.

Coach Jimmy Feix' Hilltoppers, the pre-season pick to win the league flag, have to get rolling. They own a 0-2 OVC record and are 1-2-1 on the season.

Tech shows a 1-1 league mark and is 1-3 on the season.

Western has yielded only 63 points—but the punchless Hilltoppers have scored nine less.

Tech shows 81 points on the season against 115 for the opposition.

Schreiber has been the epitome of consistency this season.

In his team's four games, the Kentucky native has piled up 255 yards for an OVC record, 215, 107 and 102 yards.

So, no foe has held him under 100 yards yet—a real challenge for Feix's crew.

Schreiber's 3,578 yards for his career represent an OVC record.

But thus far, he has been the only cog in Tech's attack which has produced with any consistency.

Western owns far better balance on the season.

Hilltopper quarterback Johnny Vance ranks 10th in the OVC in total-offense with 400 yards.

He is sixth in passing with 361 yards and three touchdowns.

Fullback Jim Vorhees is fifth in the conference in rushing with 261 yards and a 5.6-yard average, although he missed two games because of injuries.

Tech is fifth in the league in team offense with 292 yards a game.

Western is next-to-last with 225 yards per start.

But Tech has the worst defense in the league with an average yield of a whopping 393 yards a game.

Western is second in total defense in the conference with 230 yards a game yielded on the ground and in the air.

One advantage Tech owns is in the kicking foot of Burch Gentry.

He ranks second in the conference in punting with a 41-6 yard average on 17 kicks.

And he is third in the league in scoring by kicking with 13 points.

He has booted one field and has yet to miss on 10 extra-point attempts.

Western's Darrell Law has kicked five of six extra-points, but owns no field goals.

For all of his yardage, Schreiber has been in the end zone only three times this season.

His 18 points tie him for fourth in the OVC, only 12 points behind leader Tony Page of Austin Peay.

Tech's big weapon, in addition to Schreiber, is the passing of Russ Quay, who has hurled for 193 yards and one touchdown.

His top receiver is Jim Bishop, who has caught 12 for 182 of those 193 yards.

Tech coach Don Wade is on record as respecting the Western line.

"They will be as tough as we have faced this season," he said today.

"Their line is also their strong point in pass defense. They just don't give you time to throw."

Western's Feix hopes that Wade is a prophet.

The Hilltoppers' Homecoming queen will be crowned in pre-game ceremonies beginning at 1:30 p.m.

## Murray Is Favored

# Hanes System Picks Toppers In Thriller

By BRUCE HANES  
Daily News Special Writer  
Western's 14-12 decision over Northern Illinois last week raised the Toppers into a tie for fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference, according to the Daily News' Hanes Rating System.

The Toppers and Morehead, a 29-18 winner over Austin Peay, have identical ratings of 57.1.

East Tennessee, now 5-0 on the season, continues to lead the league with a 66.3 mark.

Nationally, the powerful Buckeyes of Ohio State returned to the number one spot, after a week's absence. The Texas Longhorns slipped from first to third.

The OVC rankings:

- |                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| 1. East Tennessee   | 66.3 |
| 2. Eastern          | 58.8 |
| 3. Murray           | 58.4 |
| 4. Western          | 57.1 |
| 4. Morehead         | 57.1 |
| 6. Tennessee Tech   | 52.0 |
| 7. Austin Peay      | 50.0 |
| 8. Middle Tennessee | 44.6 |

The national rankings:

- |                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ohio State          | 109.2 |
| 2. LSU                 | 104.6 |
| 3. Texas               | 104.4 |
| 4. Auburn              | 101.7 |
| 5. Southern California | 98.1  |
| 6. Tennessee           | 97.9  |
| 7. Missouri            | 97.3  |
| 8. Penn State          | 96.4  |
| 9. Georgia             | 94.8  |
| 10. Arkansas           | 92.4  |

### OHIO VALLEY

Western 26, Tennessee Tech 21

The Toppers have finally had their first taste of victory, and their appetite will be even bigger this week.

Tech and superstar Larry Schreiber will provide plenty of opposition, but the Toppers will pull it out for a big homecoming victory.

Murray 27, Middle Tennessee 14

Middle Tennessee's record is now 0-4, and Murray should help the Raiders keep their winless record intact.

East Tennessee 21, Chattanooga 7

The league-leading Buccaneers step out of the conference this week, and will chalk up victory number six.

Akron 34, Eastern 13

The Colonels take a trip up north, and powerful Akron is not known for its southern hospitality.

Morehead 28, Youngstown 6  
The Eagles will find their trip north more pleasant, and should have a breather this week.

### SOUTHEASTERN

LSU 38, Kentucky 0  
The Wildcats have their ups and downs, and this is a "down" week. A powerful LSU club will make sure of that.

Georgia 38, Vanderbilt 7  
Vandy fans will still be talking about last Saturday's upset over Alabama, but Georgia's Bulldogs will be too mad to listen.

Tennessee 35, Alabama 21  
Bear Bryant will have to wait until next week to start another Bama winning streak, although Tennessee always has trouble in Birmingham.

### Other SEC Scores:

Auburn 35, Georgia Tech 7  
Mississippi 49, Southern Mississippi 20  
Florida 35, North Carolina 17  
Texas Tech 38, Mississippi State 21

# Western Winds Up Brame, Watches Him Destroy Tennessee Tech 42-0

BY JOHN FLYNN

Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Larry Schreiber, his physical and mental hurt showing through the tape, bruises and scrapes, sat half undressed and gently ran the tips of his fingers over the base of his nose.

He used his right hand for the probing because his left arm and shoulder were numb.

"That damned Brame," said Schreiber, more in admiration than animosity, "he gave me a shot across my facemask with his forearm. Feels like my nose is broken.

"Every time we play these guys, it seems like they wind up Brame and send him after us. He was a wild man out there today."

It was Schreiber's way of saying that defensive end Lawrence Brame and his Western Kentucky teammates had turned in a shattering performance in routing Tennessee Tech 42-0 before 18,500 homecoming fans yesterday at L. T. Smith Stadium.

## 'He Hurts You Sometimes'

Across the way, Brame jokingly admitted that he had given Schreiber, Tennessee Tech's great running back from Villa Hills, Ky., "a shot or two."

"But let me show you something," said Brame, fingering a bruise under his left eye. "He gave me that one with his knee, and I can show you a little more damage. I like that man, but he hurts you sometimes."

Schreiber, generating tremendous power, punished the Western Kentucky defense for 150 yards — every one of them given grudgingly — but his teammates might as well have stayed home in Cookeville.

"Larry's a man, but he has children on his side," said Tennessee Tech coach Don Wade. "They scalped us. No, they massacred us. We were scalped last week (30-7 by East Tennessee)."

The chief executioner yesterday was Western quarterback Johnny Vance, who had his finest afternoon of the season by hitting 13 of 24 passes for 262 yards and two scores.

## Offensive Line Gets Credit

Western's offensive line gave Vance enough time to count the crowd and he credited it in his post-game comments.

"When you have blocking like that,"

**Bucs Keep Rolling****Topper Point Total  
Highest Of Season**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Powerful East Tennessee kept right on winning, Middle Tennessee finally stopped losing, and Western Kentucky racked up its highest point total this season.

Those, in a nutshell, are the highlights of Saturday's Ohio Valley Conference football action.

East Tennessee, the 10th ranked small college team in the nation, defeated Chattanooga 17-13, previously winless Middle Tennessee shocked Murray 31-24, and Western Kentucky rambed easily past Tennessee Tech, 42-0. In other games involving OVC clubs, Morehead defeated Youngstown State 21-12 and Eastern Kentucky dropped a 28-9 decision to Akron. Austin Peay was idle.

A full four-game conference slate is upcoming this weekend, with undefeated East Tennessee taking on Murray in the headliner. Austin Peay entertains Middle Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky is at Western and Morehead travels to Tennessee Tech.

ETSU quarterback Larry Graham fired a 6-yard scoring strike to Bill Causey in the fourth quarter of the Bucs' thriller with Chattanooga, providing the margin of victory and putting the team's record at 5-0.

In a topsy-turvy game in which the lead changed hands three times, Middle Tennessee drove 80 yards in five plays for its winning touchdown over Murray. It came when quarterback Bill Griffith rammed over from the 1.

Western Kentucky scored in every quarters as it delighted a homecoming crowd of 18,500 with its romp over Tech. Quarterback Johnny Vance led the

charge with two TD passes.

Morehead quarterback Bill Marson, the OVC total offense leader, put on a one-man show in leading his team past Youngstown. The senior signal-caller hit on 35-yard touchdown passes to John High and John Coning, and added another himself on a five-yard run.

Akron had to come from behind to win over Eastern Kentucky after the Colonels jumped to a 7-0 in the second period. Akron quarterback Mick Hutton passed for two touchdowns and Ron Lemon scored twice to pace the victory.

In other games, Centre wrapped up the College Athletic Conference championship by whipping Sewanee 20-8, Georgetown defeated Mars Hill, N.C., 10-0, Louisville pinned the 26th straight defeat on Marshall, 34-17, Louisiana State dumped Kentucky 37-10, and Kentucky State was dropped 48-6 by Eastern Michigan.

Centre's freshman tailback Greg Ely again starred for the Colonels by running 35 yards for one touchdown and picking up 141 yards rushing. Centre now stands 4-1 for the year and a perfect 4-0 in the CAC.

Georgetown's Jim Sizemore notched a first period touchdown and Bill Daughtery kicked a field goal as the Tigers blanked the North Carolinians.

Louisville remained undefeated and pushed its record to 3-0-1 by blitzing Marshall, which now has the longest losing streak among major colleges in the nation.

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For His Career

# Vance Owns 3,280 Yards Total Offense

By BERT BARRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

After the kind of day Western quarterback Johnny Vance had Saturday against Tennessee Tech, you check the recordbook to see if he is zeroing in on the school's all-time career passing record.

He now owns a career total offense of 3,280 yards running and passing.

A lot of it came against Tennessee Tech in the Homecoming as the senior quarterback hit on 13 of 24 passes for a whopping 252 yards and two touchdowns.



WESTERN'S Johnny Vance is doing what he does best — passing the football. He should finish his career second only to coach Jimmy Feix among Western's career passers.

But, alas!

Vance would have to exceed that production in each of his final five games to catch the Hilltop's career record-holder.

And who is that record-holder?

Why, Vance's coach, Jimmy Feix, that's who!

In his four-year career, all Feix did was to:

- Complete 256 of 529 passes.
- For 3,608 yards.
- And 30 touchdowns.

With five games remaining in his career, Vance owns:

- 181 completions on 396 passes.

- For 2,726 yards.
- And 17 touchdowns.

Fine marks, all. But way short of the university's records.

In three years prior to this season, Vance completed 134 of 285 tosses for 2,103 yards and 12 touchdowns.

In five games thus far in his senior campaign, he has hit on 47 of 111 passes for 623 yards and five touchdowns.

So this has been by far the best half a season in his career.

For his career, in addition to his passing, the Goasgow High product has rushed for 554 yards.

He has scored 70 points.

And he owns a career punting average of 36.3 yards.

No quarterback in Western's history ever did everything so well.

October 21, 1969

## Brame On Checklist

# Vance Named OVC's Player Of The Week

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

Western quarterback Johnny Vance was acclaimed as the Ohio Valley Conference's "Offensive Player Of The Week" today.

Vance led the Hilltoppers past Tennessee Tech, 42-0, by hitting

on 13 of 24 passes for 262 yards and two touchdowns.

He also picked up 21 yards rushing and scored one touchdown.

Also making the weekly checklist was Hilltopper Lawrence Brame, who was

credited with 12 main tackles and three assists in the romp past Tech's Eagles.

Vance's big day lofted him to fifth place in the OVC in total offense.

He owns 623 yards passing and 60 yards rushing on the season for a total of 683 yards.

Bill Marston of Morehead leads in passing with 83 completions for 1,121 yards and in total offense with 1,254 yards.

Tech's Larry Schreiber remains the rushing leader with 829 yards and a 6.6-yard average.

Hilltopper Jim Vorhees ranks sixth with 301 yards and a 5-yard average.

Western's Jay Davis is eighth in pass-receiving with 14 catches for 303 yards and three touchdowns.

The leader is Morehead's John High with 35 for 527 yards.

Tony Page of Austin Peay is the league's top scorer with 30 points.

Western's Darrell Law ranks fifth in scoring by kicking with 11 points.

The Hilltoppers are slated at Eastern Kentucky, which has a 2-1 league record and a 3-2 over-all mark Saturday afternoon.

The Colonels' star is quarterback Bill Marsh, who has hit on 55 passes for 604 yards and two touchdowns.

They also have a crack runner in Jim Brooks, who is second to Schreiber in rushing in the league with 512 yards and a 5.3-yard average.

Butch Evans leads the Colonels in scoring with 24 points and is tied for second place in the OVC.

Eastern ranks fourth in team offense with 278 yards a game.

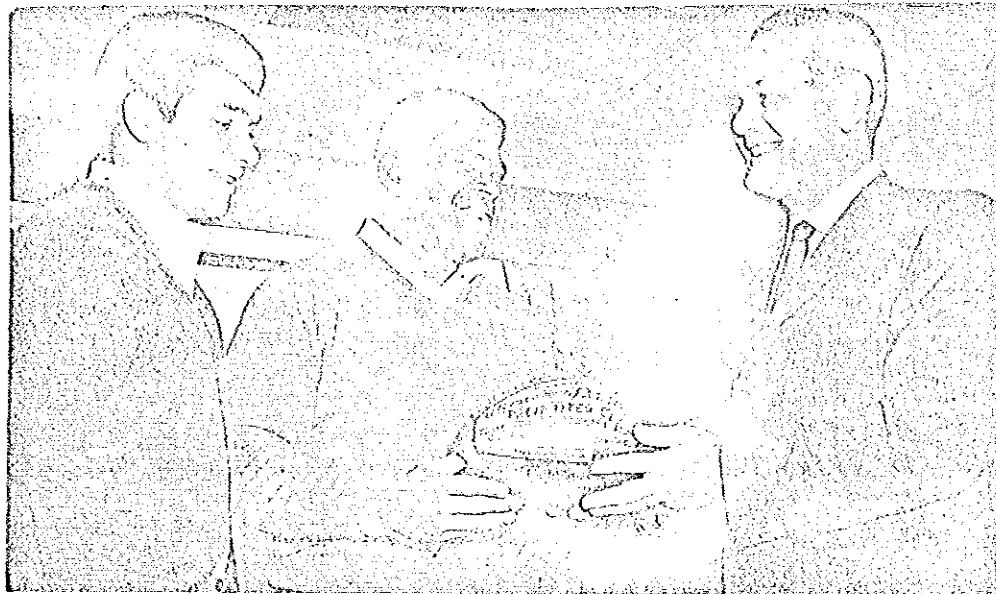
Western is sixth with 268 yards per start.

The Hilltoppers are still second to East Tennessee in team defense with a yield of 206 yards a game. The Bucs have given up 202 yards per start.

Eastern is third in team defense with a yield of 285 yards a game.

The Colonels are tied for second place in the conference with Morehead. Both own 2-1 records and trail only unbeaten East Tennessee (3-0).





HIS FIRST "GAME BALL" is presented to Western president Dero Downing by team captain Romeo Crennel, while alternate

captain Bill Rose watches. The ball was used in the Hilltoppers' 42-0 win over Tennessee Tech in the Homecoming game last Saturday.

### Back-To-Back Wins

# Feix Hopes Momentum Will Carry Western

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

For the first time this season, Western's football team has some momentum going—and it hardly could have come at a better time.

The Hilltoppers travel to Richmond Saturday to face archrival Eastern Kentucky, oldest grid foe on the schedule.

"This is the kind of game in

which we will need everything we can muster," said coach Jimmy Feix, wrapping it all up in one sentence.

"We certainly hope that the momentum we have from back-to-back victories will carry over. But we must get a top effort from every player, regardless of momentum or anything else."

The Hilltoppers will be coming off their most convincing win of the season, a surprisingly

lopsided 42-0 conquest of OVC foe Tennessee Tech.

The win evened the record for the season at 2-2-1.

The Toppers are 1-2 in the OVC and not out of the title chase yet, although East Tennessee with a 3-0 mark will be hard to catch.

Eastern's defending OVC champions are 3-2 on the season and 2-1 in the league.

The Western-Eastern series began in 1914.

The Hilltoppers hold a big series edge with 25 victories against 15 for the Colonels. There have been two ties, the last one 14-all at Richmond two years ago.

Eastern's big weapon has been the running of tailback Jim Brooks, who trails only record-setting Larry Schreiber of Tennessee Tech among OVC rushers.

Brooks owns 512 yards and a 5.3-yard average.

Western gave Eastern something to worry about last week as the Hilltoppers passing game came alive with quarterback Johnny Vance.

Vance hit on 13 of 24 attempts for a whopping 262 yards and two touchdowns.

"The timing on our pass patterns was greatly improved and we had excellent protection for Vance," observed Feix.

When you speak of a balanced attack in the OVC, you have to mean Western's.

The Hilltoppers show 668 net yards rushing and 672 yards passing.

Feix would like a much stronger rushing game and he may be on the verge of getting it.

Tailback Nat Northington had by far his best game of the season against Tech and now shows a 3.2-yard average on 63 carries.

Fullback Jim Vorhees leads the team in rushing with 301 yards and a 5-yard average.

Vance easily leads the team in total-offense with 683 yards, 623 of them in the air.

## East Tenn. Leads

# Western Climbs To 2nd In OVC Ratings

By CLARK HANES  
Daily News Special Writer

Western's homecoming victory last Saturday helped the Toppers vault into second place in the OVC, according to the Daily News' Hanes Rating System.

East Tennessee, unbeaten in six games, leads the league with a 65.3 rating, and Western is second with a 63.1 tab.

Eastern, the Toppers' road foe this week, has a rating of 56.4, so Western is favored to spoil the

Colonels' homecoming by some seven points.

On the national scene, Ohio State continued to van the country's top teams with a 105.4 rating, followed by Texas at 104.3.

LSU, Tennessee, Auburn, and Georgia all represent the SEC in the Top Ten, and Florida and Mississippi are 14th and 16th, respectively.

OVC Ratings:

1. East Tennessee 65.3  
2. Western 63.1

3. Morehead	57.2
4. Eastern	56.4
5. Murray	54.7
6. Austin Peay	50.0
7. Middle Tennessee	48.3
8. Tennessee Tech	45.9
Top Ten:	
1. Ohio State	105.4
2. Texas	104.3
3. LSU	102.9
4. Tennessee	100.1
5. Southern California	97.3
6. Auburn	96.6
7. Georgia	96.2
8. Stanford	95.4
9. UCLA	95.1
10. Missouri	94.2

# Toppers Face Eastern For 43rd Time Saturday

## Colonels Are 2-1 In Loop

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

If somebody can just derail unbeaten East Tennessee, then Western can draw the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference's front-runners back into the field.

The Hilltoppers can begin by sidetracking Eastern Kentucky at Richmond at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

East Tennessee leads the league with a 3-0 mark.

Also ahead of Western (1-2 in the league) are Eastern and Morehead, both with 2-1 records. Western still has to face Morehead.

Eastern's Colonels have displayed a limited scoring punch in compiling a 3-2 record against all opposition.

The Colonels have scored only 72 points on the season while yielding 57.

Western, which is 2-2-1 against all opposition, owns 97 points against 65 for the opposition.

Most of the Hilltoppers' punch was displayed in a 42-0 romp past Tennessee Tech here last week.

Quarterback Johnny Vance was the hero as he and his understudies hit on 16 of 32 passes for a whopping 311 yards and two touchdowns.

Western holds a big series edge in this rivalry, which began during World War I.

The Hilltoppers own 25 wins against 15 for Eastern and two ties.

In Eastern's Jim Brooks, Western will face a runner second only to Tech's record-bent Larry Schreiber.

Brooks has gained 512 yards on 96 carries for a 5.3-yard average.

By contrast, Western owns a team rushing total of only 668 yards, just 156 more than Brooks has personally accounted for.

Although the Colonels have not put many points on the board, they own the No. 4 offense in the eight-team OVC.

Eastern is averaging 278 yards a game, compared with Western's 268-yard average.

The Toppers own a big edge in defense, with an average yield of 226 yards a game, against Eastern's 285 per start.

When Vance takes to the air, his primary targets are Jay Davis and Jim Rose.

Both own 13 receptions on the season, with Davis' covering 303 yards and Rose's totaling 111.

Davis has flagged three touchdown passes.

Eastern quarterback Bill March has completed 55 passes for 603 yards and just two touchdowns.

Vance has hit on 47 for 625 yards and five touchdowns.

Eastern's big scoring punch is Butch Evans. His 24 points tie him for second place in the OVC.

Davis with his 18 points and Vance with 14 lead Western.

Countering Brooks on the ground for the Hilltoppers will be Jim Vorhees and Nat Northington.

Northington turned in by far his best performance of the season against Tech and he now owns 219 yards and a 3.2-yard average.

Vorhees is the team leader with 301 yards and a 5-yard average.

Linebacker Jim Groudeop paces Eastern's defense.

Last week in a 28-9 loss to Akron, Groudeop was credited with nine main tackles, 11 assists and one pass-interception.

Western's defensive leader on the season is Jim Barber with 41 main tackles and 26 assists.

Lawrence Brame owns 28 main tackles and Gene England has stopped enemy runners 26 times as have Bob McGrath and Bill Hape.

Coach Jimmy Feix feels his offense jelled last week and should stay in high gear the rest of the season.

Eastern will start providing the answers tomorrow afternoon.

East Tennessee entertains Murray (1-2 in the loop) tomorrow—and guess whom the Hilltoppers will be rooting for!

# Vance Sparks Tops Past Eastern In 27-26 Thriller

## Pass-Run Star

## Gets Winning TD In Fourth

RICHMOND, Ky. (SpI) — In the wildest scene on the Eastern Kentucky campus since the last Sadie Hawkins Day, Western overcame the Colonels in one of the Ohio Valley Conference's all-time thrillers, 27-26, yesterday.

The Hilltoppers got the winning touchdown in the final period on a 12-yard, third-down touchdown gallop by quarterback Johnny Vance.

Thus, Western returned the favor on Eastern's Homecoming.

The Colonels had spoiled Western's Homecoming last year.

Western now is 2-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference and has a 3-2-1 record against all opposition.

Eastern fell to 2-2 in the league and is 3-3 overall.

The record throng of more than 20,000 saw plenty of fireworks.

Eastern scored first and led 7-0 at the end of the opening quarter.

Two Western touchdowns made it 14-7, Hilltoppers at the half.

Eastern crammed three touchdowns into the third period on explosive plays, while Western scored once.

So, the Colonels led 26-21 with one period to go.

Butch Evans got the Colonels' first TD on a one-yard lunge.

Western tied it early in the second quarter on a 35-yard pass from Vance to end Jay Davis, who caught the ball at the 15 and angled into the end zone.

Vance's eight-yard scoring run later in the period made it 14-7 at the half as Darrell Law converted twice.

The Hilltoppers appeared to have the game out of reach in the third canto as Vance hooked up with end Darrell Smith on a 36-yard scoring strike.

feint of a pass and then sailed into the end zone.

His pass for a two-point conversion failed and the Colonels were still very much in the game.

But it was Western which launched the only other real scoring threat.

They reached the Eastern 12 after a 52-yard bolt up the middle by Vorhees.

	WK	EK
First Downs	23	14
Yards Rushing	181	126
Yards Passing	244	189
Total Offense	425	315
Passes	20-36	9-19
Passes Int. By	0	1
Fumbles Lost By	1	3
Punts	8-41	8-36
Penalties	7-64	5-41

### Rushing leaders:

	No.	Yds.
Brooks (E)	25	118
Vorhees (W)	21	98
Vance (W)	9	42
Northington (W)	18	41

Law's kick made it 21-7.

But with the record throng cheering them on, the Colonels came back — with a vengeance — in that third quarter.

First, Bill March passed for 41 yards to Larry Lightfoot.

A running attempt for a two-point conversion failed and it was 21-13.

But, wait! That March wasn't through.

Next, he hit Lightfoot with a 49-yard scoring strike.

A pass-attempt for a two-point conversion which would have tied the score at 21-all was knocked down by Western's Mike Phelps.

But Eastern and March had more fireworks to cook up.

Bang!

The next time the Colonels got the ball, halfback Jim Brooks, the No. 2 rusher in the OVC broke a 59-yard touchdown run.

Ralph Gillespie kicked goal now and it was Eastern by 26-21.

The Hilltoppers got their chance for victory early in the final period when Wilson Chapman plopped on a Brooks fumble at the Eastern 12.

After two incomplete passes, that Vance took off around left end, froze the secondary with the

On fourth down, though, Darrell Law's field-goal attempt from the 19 and from an angle was wide.

Just three minutes remained.

Eastern could not move and the game ended with Western in possession at the Colonel 43.

It was the second straight brilliant performance for Vance.

Last week in Bowling Green he passed for 311 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-0 romp past Tennessee Tech.

Against Eastern, he ran for two touchdowns and passed for two more having a direct in all the Hilltopper scores.

The star senior quarterback completed 20 of 36 passes for 244 yards.

Thus, in the last two games, he has hurled a whopping 555 yards and four touchdowns, besides scoring two himself.

Eastern scored first midway of the opening period after Pete Kapacich returned a Western punt 48 yards to the Hilltopper 32.

In five plays, the Colonels were in the end zone.

The big one was a 25-yard pass from Bill March to Butch Evans.

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# DEAN EAGLE

## Western's Vance says team gave him protection, blocks

RICHMOND, Ky.—The Eastern-Western rivalry sort of went to the dogs for a brief moment in the fourth quarter yesterday but otherwise it was a football game that made the 1966 Kentucky Legislature look good.

That's the legislature that established the sister schools and created one of the most intense rivalries in college football's first 100 years.

"It's the World Series," said coach Jimmy Feix of Western, commenting on the importance of the game before the kickoff.

"It's half our season," said coach Roy Kidd of Eastern.

Well, Western won the "World Series" and Eastern lost "half of our season" yesterday but neither university has anything to be ashamed of.

The score was 27-26 in favor of Western.

Domination seesawed from Eastern (7-0) to Western (14-7) to Eastern (26-21) and back to Western (27-26). Emotions went through a wringer and the only time anybody had a good laugh and relaxed was in the fourth quarter when three dogs tried to get into the act.

### It Was Homecoming

Unfortunately, some faithful followers of both schools missed part of the physical and emotional storms that transpired on the playing field. They couldn't get into new Hanger Stadium, which was bursting at its beams with monumental traffic jams caused by the laggards of a crowd of 20,000.

There were just too many places to go and too many old faces to see at homecoming.

Homecoming festivities opened Friday with a pep rally and bonfire, then came the dance in the Student Union Building.

Before the game, there was a cornerstone-laying ceremony at the new stadium with Dr. Robert R. Martin, Eastern Kentucky University president, presiding. Then a buffet luncheon.

Ever wonder what they put in cornerstone boxes?

Dr. Martin read a list of them: newspaper stories telling of the approval of the new stadium, a picture of the 1969 Eastern squad, a picture of President Martin throwing out the first ball in the first game in the new stadium, a football program of the first game between Eastern and Austin Peay on Oct. 4, 1969, two issues of the *Alumnus Magazine*, a 1969-70 Eastern catalogue, selected pages

from the 1969 Milestone and a campus map.

The speechmaking was over and everybody tried to get into the game—too many at the same time.

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to 'Fantasia,' Eastern Kentucky University's homecoming, 1969," said the public address system voice. At least, those trapped in the hallways could hear it.

"... and now presenting the homecoming queen finalists," the voice continued. And 15 beauties walked across the gridiron . . . Linda Atkinson of Louisville, Debbie Cox of Louisville, Vicky Del Vecchio of Ashland, Beverly Doty of Paint Lick, Sherry Faulkner of Walton, Connie Haney of Boston, Ohio, Sandra Jones of Stanford, Shannon Logan of Wheelwright, Diana Moore of Pikeville, Jamie Mullins of Mt. Vernon, Sue Ann Owens of Stanford, Sandy Reeves of Wheelwright, Nancy Ruck of

Cincinnati, Jackie Schoulties of Bellevue, and Nancy Vater of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The student body had voted on the queen and that counted 35 per cent. Beauty was 35 per cent, poise 20 per cent and speech (expression of thought) 10 per cent.

Deborah Cox of Louisville, a graduate of Westport High, didn't know she had been chosen on all counts until her name was announced by the PA system.

Debbie is a freshman.

### Kidd Praises Vance

But it was a day of upsets. Eastern won the toss, had early momentum and it appeared that Kidd would continue his mastery over the Hilltoppers.

"They're going to jell today," thought Kidd after early frustrations this season.

"And I thought strongly that we would win after we took the lead 26-21 but we couldn't contain Johnny Vance. (Western's quarterback). I thought he did a tremendous job. We fumbled at two crucial times, though. We beat ourselves. I thought Bill March (Eastern quarterback) played his best game, but we didn't put enough pressure on Vance."

The turning point?

Kidd thought it was Jimmy Brooks' fumble which set up Western's deciding touchdown in the last quarter. Three plays later, Vance rolled around his left end for 12 yards and a touchdown.

Said Feix, the victorious coach: "I'm awfully happy. I felt that either team could have won. We just got the last break. Eastern has a fine team and I think we both may still be conference contenders. Somebody has to beat East Tennessee for us."

Vance took his success modestly.

"Shucks, I had so much time to throw the ball and the receivers ran their patterns well. And on those two touchdown plays I got some key blocks."

And he praised Western's defense:

"Our defense got the ball for us and we didn't quit that last time when we were behind. I hope the game is a turning point for us."

Bill Rose, another Western back, commented: "I've never played on a team that beat Eastern until today. I know how hard it was when we tied them 14-14 two years ago."

Romeo Crennel, Western end, thought it was appropriate for Western to spoil Eastern's homecoming "because" they broke our hearts last year."

March said, "It was a game of breaks and they got the last one."



Staff Photo by Charley Pence

A SPARKLING smile matches the crown on the head of Eastern Kentucky University's homecoming queen, Debbie Cox, from Anchorage. Debbie, 18, a freshman, attended Westport High.

## In Cage Drills

# Clover And Johnson Star For Hilltoppers

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

Guess who have been the standouts during Western's first few days of basketball practice?

Yep. You're right!

One of them definitely has been junior Clarence Glover, the perpetual-motion man of last year's club.

The other has been sophomore Danny Johnson, a slick-passing guard.

"Glover's rebounding and Johnson's passing have been the top performances in our early drills," conceded coach Johnny Oldham.

How will the varsity line-up for the opening game Dec. 1?

Well, here's how Oldham has been using them in scrimmage sessions:

—Jim McDaniels, the 7-foot defending Ohio Valley Conference scoring champion.

—Jerome Perry, returning starter and a junior.

—Jim Rose, regular last season and a junior.

—Wayne Bright, sometime starter a year ago.

—And that Johnson.

The No. 2 varsity unit has been looking like this:

—That Glover, who will see a

lot of action with the No. 1 unit also.

—Walker Banks.

—Sophomores Terry Davis and Steve Eaton. Davis led the frosh in scoring last season.

—Paducah Community College product Gary Sundmacher.

The No. 1 unit has been scrimmage both the No. 2 team and the freshmen.

The freshman have been operating with this unit:

—Dennis Fox.

—Don Waldron.

—Chuck Witt.

—Ray Kleykamp.

—Roger Baldridge.

## Honored By OVC

# Vance Picked Back Of Week

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

It hardly came as a surprise today when Western's Johnny Vance was named to the Ohio Valley Conference's "Offensive Player Of The Week".

The senior quarterback led the Hilltoppers to a 27-26 victory at Eastern last Saturday and was duly rewarded by OVC commissioner Art Guepe and his staff.

He hit on 20 passes for 244 yards and two touchdowns and ran for the other two touchdowns.

His 20 passes broke coach

Jimmy Feix' 18-year-old school record for most completions in one game.

His second big weekend in a row has gunned Vance into third place in the OVC in total offense and into third place in passing.

Vance now owns a TO of 969 yards, 867 by passing and 102 by rushing.

He also ranks third in the league in passing for the season with 67 completions for those 867 yards and seven touchdowns.

Vance is also tied for fifth in the OVC in scoring with 24 points and is seventh in punting with a 38.8-yard average.

Not even Feix, a Little All-America quarterback, did so many things so well.

Other Hilltoppers rated in the top 10 in various phases in the OVC are:

—Jim Vorhees, sixth in rushing with 399 yards and a 4.9-yard average.

The leader is Tech's Larry Schreiber with 938 yards and a 5.9 average. Topper Nat Northington is 10th with 260 yards and a 3-yard average.

—Jay Davis, sixth in pass-receiving with 20 grabs for 412 yards and four touchdowns, and Bill Rose, ninth with 17 catches for 125 yards.

The leader is Morehead's John High with 36 grabs for 606 yards and four touchdowns. Western faces Morehead here Saturday afternoon.

—Darrell Law, sixth in scoring by kicking with 14 points. The leader is Eastern's Ron Harrold with 25 points.

There is a three-way tie for the league's scoring lead.

Deadlock with 30 points apiece are Schreiber, Austin Peay's Harold Roberts and Eastern's Butch Evans.

Honored today by the OVC in addition to Vance was teammate Lawrence Brame, who made the weekly check list for his play against Eastern.

Brame was credit with nine main tackles and seven assists, high for the weekend in the league.

Western now ranks third in team offense with 294 yards a game and is second in team-defense with a yield of 239 yards a game.

# Forsooth, Juliet!

## Western's Romeo Still Smiteth foe Despite Pained Absence of Othello

By JOHN FLYNN

Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

Begging William Shakespeare's pardon, but this is a story about Romeo, Juliet and Othello.

Chiefly, it concerns Romeo Crennel, Western Kentucky University's big tackle who has a sister named Juliet.

"Dad liked the names," explained Crennel, as if a proud father naming a son and daughter after two of the most romantic figures in literature needed any explanation.

Othello Brimm enters the picture because he was an outstanding high school prospect from Louisville Male the same year that Romeo finished at Ft. Knox High School.

"We recruited Brimm," recalled Western Kentucky publicity director Ed Given. "If he had stayed in school we would have had Romeo at one tackle and Othello at the other. Imagine the publicity."

Romeo is one of four children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Crennel currently attending college. Juliet is a student at Duke University, another sister, JoAnne, attends the University of Richmond and Carl is a senior at West Virginia University.

### Brother Aims at UK

"Dad's a master sergeant in the Army," said Romeo. "He's been talking about retirement after 26 years, but he wants to get our youngest sister in college first. She's a senior in high school."

Romeo's younger brother, Carl, is an All-American candidate at middle guard and will be attempting to wreck the University of Kentucky this Saturday at Lexington at the same time Romeo is leading Western against Morehead State at Bowling Green.

Due to conflicting schedules, Romeo and Carl have not seen each other play

since high school days at Ft. Knox. Carl, a year behind Romeo, eventually graduated from E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Va.

"Carl and I are pretty close," said Romeo, "but there never was much thought of us going to school together. I had my mind made up to come down to Western, but he chose West Virginia from over 100 schools."

Romeo said that he and Carl used to settle their differences by the old-fashioned method, but Romeo finally asked for a truce for tactical reasons. "Carl caught up with me," said Romeo. "Besides, he was too quick."

### Happy Years at Western

Romeo, a blocky 5-11, 235-pounder, doesn't have the quickness to play professional football, but Carl is rated an excellent prospect.

"We're sure that he's going to go high in the pro draft," said Romeo proudly.

Romeo, however, wouldn't trade places with his brother. "I couldn't have been happier anywhere than I have been at Western," he declared.

He came to Western on his own and was redshirted as a freshman. However, he received a full scholarship the following season and has started every game except the few where cranky knees have kept him on the sidelines.

It is no coincidence that Western's offense began to jell when Romeo was shifted to offensive tackle three games ago. With him clearing the way, the Hilltoppers have rolled over Northern Illinois, Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky.

"He probably gave up an All-Conference berth on defense to make the switch," said Western coach Jimmy Feix. "When I reminded him of this, he said, 'Coach, I'll do anything to help this team.'"

"His blocking is so doggone consist-



Staff Photo

ROMEO CRENNEL performs the chore of linesman during a Western Kentucky workout. The Hilltoppers recently came alive after Crennel was switched from defensive tackle to offensive tackle.

tent," continued Feix. "But more importantly, he gives our offensive line leadership. You know, offensive linemen are a peculiar breed. They don't get much recognition and they have to play more on pride than anything else. But Romeo has been patting them on the back and giving them encouragement and confidence."



## *In Hanes' Ratings*

# Toppers Ranked Second In Loop

By CLARK HANES  
Daily News Special Writer  
Western clung to the number  
two spot in the Ohio Valley  
Conference ratings today,  
according to the Daily News'  
Hanes Rating System.

The Toppers have a 62.1 rating  
this week, following their narrow  
escape with Eastern last  
Saturday.

East Tennessee, now 6-0-1 after  
last week's 10-10 tie with Murray,  
remained in first place with a 63.3  
tab.

Eastern is ranked third,  
Murray is fourth, and Morehead,  
this week's Topper foe, is ranked  
fifth with a 52.6 rating.

Nationally, Ohio State is still on  
top, followed by Texas in the  
second position.

SEC teams in the Top Ten  
include LSU, Tennessee, Auburn,  
and Georgia.

### Ohio Valley Conference

1. East Tennessee	63.3
2. Western	62.1
3. Eastern	57.4
4. Murray	56.2
5. Morehead	52.6
6. Austin Peay	50.1
7. Tennessee Tech	49.4
8. Middle Tennessee	48.3

### Nation's Top Ten

1. Ohio State	104.2
2. Texas	103.1
3. LSU	101.7
4. Tennessee	100.0
5. Auburn	97.6
6. Southern California	96.4
7. Georgia	96.0
8. UCLA	94.9
9. Stanford	94.4
10. Arkansas	93.8

## Over Morehead Saturday

# Scores Give Toppers Margin Of 57 Points

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

Would you believe that comparative scores make Western a 57-point favorite to defeat Morehead here Saturday afternoon?!!

Although the rivals are among five teams tied for second place in the Ohio Valley Conference, scores against Tennessee Tech indicate a mis-match.

Two weeks ago, for instance, Western walloped Tech 42-0 as quarterback Johnny Vance had near-record passing day.

Last week, Tech upended Morehead by 21-6.

How can a team which is leading the OVC in offense be held to six points by a team which Western plastered?

Coach Jake Hallum would like to know, if you have the answer.

Morehead is averaging a whopping 380 yards a game rushing and passing.

Western is third in the league in offense with a 294-yard average.

Morehead quarterback Bill Marston leads the conference in

individual total-offense with a whopping 1,362 yards.

Marston ranks second in passing with 1,231 yards and eight touchdowns.

Morehead's John High leads the league in pass-receiving with 36 catches for 606 yards and four touchdowns.

And two teammates, John Coning and Dennis Crowley, also rank in the top 10 in pass-catching.

The Eagles' Louie Rogan is fourth in the league in rushing with 485 yards and a 4.2-yard average and teammate Rick Fisher is fifth with 404 yards and also a 4.2-yard average.

Another Eagle, Bill Carson, is seventh with 320 yards and a 4.8-yard average.

The duel between Marston and Western quarterback Johnny Vance should be something to see.

Here is how they rank in major categories.

—Total offense—Marston leads with his 1,362 yards and Vance is third with 969 yards.

—Passing—Marston is second with 92 completions for 1,231 yards and his eight touchdowns. Vance is third with 67 completions for 867 yards and seven TD's.

—Punting—While Marston is fourth, Vance ranks seventh with a 37.7-yard average, only half a yard behind the Eagle.

—Vance has the edge in scoring with 24 points.

Defense has been the big Eagle weakness.

They rank next-to-last in the conference with a yield of 330 yards a game, compared with second-place Western's 239.5 yards per game.

Western leads the OVC in scoring in conference games with 103 in four tilts. The Hilltoppers have yielded 70 points.

In the same number of league games, Morehead has scored 77 points and has given up 61.

Rogan comes into the game off one of his better performances.

Against Tech, the hard runner netted exactly 100 yards in 26 carries.

## Hanes Rating System

# Western Favored By Nine Over Morehead

By CLARK HANES

Daily News Special Writer

Each week the number gets smaller and smaller.

Last Saturday was the end of a dream for two more highly-touted college elevens, Missouri and UCLA. The number of majors with unblemished records shrank from ten to eight.

And that number should get even slimmer this week, as all three undefeated SEC teams face tough foes.

LSU (6-0) travels to Jackson, Miss., to take on an angry Ole Miss bunch, while Tennessee (5-0) will have its biggest test of the season against powerful Georgia.

And of the Daily News' Hanes Rating System is correct, the Auburn Tigers should hand Florida its first loss in seven games.

After last week's picks, the HRS is now 21-6-4 in the OVC, good for a .778 mark.

The SEC record is now 30 wins,

eight losses, and two ties for a percentage of .796.

The HRS had an overall percentage of .816 for the week, as a result of 31 wins, seven losses, and four ties. For the year, the system has a 197-48-17 record, for a .804 tab.

On to this week's fearless forecast:

### OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Western 23, Morehead 14—The Toppers are sky-high after that great win over Eastern, while Morehead seems to be getting worse each week.

Bill Marston, the Eagles' star quarterback, is due for a good week, but the Toppers won't let it be good enough.

Eastern 15, Murray 14—After losing their homecoming to Western, Eastern will see to it that Murray has a heartbreaking homecoming, too.

Other OVC predictions:  
Chattanooga 14, Tennessee Tech 7

Austin Peay 26, Arkansas A&M

14 Ball State 20, Middle Tennessee

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### SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

West Virginia 34, Kentucky 17  
— Last year the Wildcats spoiled West Virginia's homecoming 35-16.

This year it's UK's homecoming, and the Mountaineers have a good memory.

Tennessee 28, Georgia 24 — The Vols have had two weeks to prepare for this one, and that will be the difference in the end.

Tulane 21, Vanderbilt 17 — The Commodores step out of the conference and into their own league, but Tulane will be ready for them.

Other SEC predictions:

Auburn 35, Florida 27

LSU 24, Mississippi 9

Alabama 42, Mississippi State

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# Tops Seek 4th Straight Against Morehead Here

## Vance Spotlights

## Goal Is 5-0 In Last Half

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

Saddled with a 2-2-1 record in the first half of the season, Western takes dead aim for a 5-0 mark in the final half.

The second game of this last half of the season comes off at L. T. Smith Stadium here tomorrow at 1:30 against Ohio Valley Conference rival Morehead.

If the Hilltoppers can pull it off and win their fourth straight, the result would be the exact reverse of Feix' first season as head coach in 1968.

Last season, the Hilltoppers were 5-0 in the first half, but faded to a 2-2-1 mark in the last half of the campaign.

Feix' club got off to a good start on the last half with a 27-26 victory at Eastern Kentucky last weekend.

For his performance in that game, Hilltopper quarterback Johnny Vance was voted the OVC's Offensive Player of the Week for the second straight time.

## Toppers

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with a yield of 239 yards per start.

The Hilltoppers have bounded upward to third place in the league in offense with an average of 294 yards per game.

The Eagles are next-to-last in defense with a yield of 330 yards a game.

Still, they have yielded the third fewest points in the conference, giving up 87 in the six games.

The statistics don't add up to anything which could be called an indicator of how the game will unwind.

One thing is for certain, though.

Morehead will have its eyes focused on far more than Vance.

That Vorhees for one figures to occupy them.

Against Eastern, all the little back did was to run for 98 yards on 21 carries, catch six passes for another 58 yards and block brilliantly.

It was his block at the 10-yard line which sprung Vance loose for the winning touchdown against

He passed for two touchdowns in that battle and ran for the other two.

Vance finished the afternoon with a whopping total-offense of 286 yards and his 20 pass completions broke Feix' 18-year-old school record for most completions in one game.

The performance vaulted Vance to third place in the OVC in total-offense with 969 yards and to third place in passing with 67 completions for 867 yards and seven touchdowns.

His rival here tomorrow, Morehead quarterback Bill Marston, ranks first in the league in total-offense with 1,362 yards and he is second in passing with 92 completions for 1,231 yards and eight touchdowns.

The game could produce the greatest aerial circus in Smith Stadium's history.

Both must have a win to remain in the league's title chase.

Western and the Eagles are among no fewer than five teams tied for second place with 2-2 league records.

East Tennessee is the leader with a 3-0-1 mark.

Western's secondary will have its hands full containing the Eagles' ace pass-receiver John High.

High leads the league in pass-catching with 26 receptions for 606 yards and four touchdowns.

Two teammates also rank in the top 10 in the OVC — John Coning with 22 receptions for 188 yards and Dennis Crowley with 16 catches for 185 yards.

Vance has two prime targets for his aeriels in Jay Davis and Bill Rose.

Davis ranks sixth in the league with 20 catches for 412 yards and Rose is ninth with 17 receptions for 125 yards.

Vance and Davis are tied for fourth in OVC scoring with Morehead's High and Louis Rogan. All own 24 points.

A hot offensive day for any of them could spring them past scoring co-leaders Larry Schreiber of Tennessee Tech, Harold Roberts of Austin Peay and Butch Evans of Eastern. All own 30 points.

Comparative scores give Western an edge.

The Hilltoppers walloped Tennessee Tech, 42-0 for their second win in a three-game streak.

Morehead lost to Tech by 21-6.

The Eagles, though, whipped Austin Peay by 29-18, while Western bowed to the Governors by 28-27.

That was before Feix shifted tackle Romeo Crennel from defense to offense.

Since that change, the Hilltopper offense has really come alive.

Both teams own players who rank high in the OVC in rushing also.

Moreheads aces are Rogan with 485 yards, Rick Fisher with 404 and Bill Cason with 320.

No other team has as many as three players in the top 10.

Leading Western on the ground are Jim Vorhees with 399 yards and Nat Northington with 260. They rank sixth and 10th respectively in the league.

Morehead's big problems while compiling a 4-2 record on the season have been interceptions and penalties.

The Eagles lead the league in penalties with 448 yards.

Their passers have thrown 11 interceptions and the runners have coughed up nine fumbles.

Turning the ball over 20 times in six games and still winning four of them and scoring 125 points in the process indicates a potentially explosive attack.

The bulwarks of a Western defense which has yielded 89 points while compiling a 3-2-1 record have been Jim Barber with 45 main tackles, Lawrence Brame with 37 and Gene England with 31.

Ralph Simonton paces the pass-interceptors with two pick-offs, which he has returned for 44 yards.

Morehead leads the league in offense with a whopping average of 380 yards a game.

Western is second in defense

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## Western Tackle Disliked Bear's Approach

# Football's Turn Again for England

By JOHN FLYNN  
Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

Gene England is delighted that he gave up the Taj Mahal of football for Western Kentucky University's low-keyed approach to the game.

England says that football has been fun again since he transferred to Western from the University of Alabama.

In so doing he gave up a room in Alabama's lavish living quarters for athletes and probably a starting job on the Crimson Tide varsity.

"Football was strictly business at Alabama," said England, a remarkably quick defensive tackle who weighs less than 200 pounds. "I didn't enjoy playing at all."

England, a native of Glasgow, Ky., chose Alabama over a horde of colleges in 1967 because "I thought I wanted to play for the very best."

He started at defensive tackle in all four of Alabama's freshman games in 1967—the only loss being to an Archie Manning-led Mississippi squad—and moved into a first-string job on the varsity the following spring.

### Nothing but Football

Still, the nagging thought stuck with him that he wasn't having much fun playing the game he had loved all his life.

"It was ALL football," said Gene. "You scheduled your classes before noon and the rest of the day was filled with football. There was constant mental pressure, along with the physical pressure."

"Finally, I went to my coaches and told them I would not be back my sophomore

year unless my attitude changed about the way things were going. It took me until the following August to make up my mind to transfer to Western."

Western was the obvious choice for England. He played high school ball under Hilltopper assistant Butch Gilbert and did not need a lot of encouragement to come to Bowling Green.

It has been a delightful change. "Football is fun again," said the handsome, superbly muscled England. "Most of the coaches at Western are young and are not so far removed from their playing days that they can't understand the way a player feels about things."

### Proof in a Mudbath

As an example of the camaraderie between player and coach, the players gave the coaches a mudbath following last Saturday's 27-2 victory over Morehead State.

England grabbed defensive line coach Robbie Franklin and dragged him through the muck around the Western bench. Later he was asked if he would have done that to Bear Bryant.

"Are you kidding?" he replied. "But coach Franklin didn't mind. He's with us."

"If a coach comes by you here in practice, you might joke with him as he goes by, or even make a good-natured wise crack, once in awhile. At Alabama, you'd never think of doing such a thing."

"Also, I have more time here for both my studies and my social life than I did at Bama."

"But don't get me wrong," he added. "I'm thankful for the year I spent at

Alabama. I learned a lot of things and if a fellow wants to take a 'business' attitude toward the game, it's a great place to be."

### Difference Is Numbers

England also drew some enlightening comparisons between Southeastern Conference football and that played in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"It's a question of numbers, or depth," he said. "I think the players who are outstanding in the OVC would probably be outstanding in the SEC, too. But with fewer scholarships available, the OVC

teams don't have as many good players as teams in the SEC."

England, meanwhile, is recognized as one of the blue chip defensive players in the OVC in his first season.

"He's amazingly quick," said Western coach Jimmy Feix. "Of course, at 197 pounds and playing a position that calls for 220-pounders at least, he has to be quick."

"There have been a couple of occasions where he has been double-teamed and beaten physically, but even then he rolls and pursues and gets into the play. One man won't handle him," confided Feix.

## *Star Defender Honored*

# Tops' Brame Picked Player Of The Week

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor  
Western's Lawrence Brame was named the Ohio Valley Conference's "Defensive Player Of The Week" today for his performance against Morehead.

In the Hilltoppers' 27-2 victory, the star defensive end returned an intercepted pass 36 yards for a touchdown, set up another score with a fumble recovery and was credited with six main tackles and two assists.

Tennessee Tech's record-setting fullback Larry Schreiber nosed out Hilltopper Quarterback Johnny Vance for "Offensive Player Of The Week" honors.

Schreiber became the seventh player in collegiate history to gain over 4,000 yards in his career as he netted 203 yards on 38 rushes in the Eagles' 23-11 victory over Chattanooga.

He now owns a career total of 4,041 yards and has rushed for 1,142 yards this season.

He is the only OVC player ever to rush for more than 1,000 yards in three seasons.

Vance broke the Western

record for career total-offense by passing for 259 yards and two touchdowns as the Hilltoppers throttled Morehead.

Vance now owns a career total-offense of 3,052 yards, breaking coach Jimmy Feix' record.

Vance ranks among the OVC leaders in four phases of play.

He is third in total-offense with 1,234 yards.

He is third in passing with 83 completions in 179 passes for 1,125 yards and nine touchdowns.

He ranks fifth in the league in punting with a 38.9-yard average.

And he is seventh in scoring with 26 points.

Teammate Jim Vorhees is sixth in rushing with 445 yards and a 4.6-yard average.

Nat Northington is 10th with 298 yards and a 3-yard average.

Hilltopper Jay Davis is tied for fourth in scoring with 30 points and he is fifth in pass-receiving with 23 grabs for a whopping 509 yards and five touchdowns.

Davis is tied for the lead in touchdown pass-catches with Austin Peay's Harold Robets. Both have flagged five TD tosses.

Davis' 509 yards on pass-catches rank second in that phase to the 711 yards by Morehead's John High.

Hilltopper Darrell Law is tied with Tennessee Tech's Butch Gentry in placement accuracy.

Both have kicked 15 out of 16 extra-points on the season.

Team-wise, Western is fourth in offense with an average of 298 yards a game.

Murray leads with 377 yards a game.

The Toppers are second in defense with a yield of 239 yards a game, compared with leader East Tennessee's 220 per game.

Western leads the league in scoring in conference games with 130 points and in scoring in all games with 151.

The Hilltoppers are tied with Eastern for second place in the standings with 3-2 record.

East Tennessee leads with three wins, no losses and one tie.

The Hilltoppers are slated at Middle Tennessee at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

East Tennessee is at Morehead the same afternoon.

## *Pass East Tennessee*

# Tops No. 1 In Loop In Hanes' Rankings

By CLARK HANES  
Daily News Special Writer  
Western moved into the number one position in the Ohio Valley Conference ratings this week, according to the Daily News' Hanes Rating System.

The Toppers' 27-2 romp over Morehead enable them to replace East Tennessee for the lead, although the Buccaneers still hold a sizeable lead in the won-lost column.

Western's rating is now 63.7, while idle East Tennessee remained at 63.3.

Eastern is ranked third with a 59.4 tab, followed by Murray and Morehead, respectively.

In the national rankings, Texas used a 45-14 rout of SMU to unseat Ohio State for the top spot in the country.

Tennessee is ranked third, Auburn fourth, and LSU fifth to give the Southeastern Conference a fine showing in the Top Ten.

### The Ohio Valley Conference

1. Western	63.7
2. East Tennessee	63.3
3. Eastern	59.4

4. Murray	53.8
5. Morehead	50.9
6. Tennessee Tech	49.3
7. Middle Tennessee	48.8
8. Austin Peay	48.2

### The Top Ten

1. Texas	104.3
2. Ohio State	103.4
3. Tennessee	101.3
4. Auburn	100.9
5. LSU	99.7
6. UCLA	97.3
7. Stanford	96.8
8. Notre Dame	96.0
9. Southern California	95.2
10. Georgia	94.6

## Daily News' Hanes System

# Toppers Picked Over Middle Tenn. 28-13

By CLARK HANES

Daily News Special Writer

There's a good side and a bad side to everything.

The major bowl committees are already getting eager to grab some of the great teams around the nation this fall. But with all these attractive teams to choose from, it seems that there are almost as many good teams which the bowls must overlook.

For example, Ohio State's juggernaut is ineligible for the Rose Bowl because of a rule which prevents any Big Ten club from making consecutive trips to Pasadena.

Another example is perennial power Notre Dame, which has been forbidden by its own school policy to make bowl trips, but which might be receptive this season.

And out on the West Coast, there are three explosive teams in UCLA, Southern California, and Stanford — but only one of these can go to the Rose Bowl. The other two will just sit at home and watch their champion

roll over some mediocre Big Ten representative, if the Hanes Ratings are accurate.

Last week the HRS missed two games in the OVC, and the record slipped to 24-8-4 for a .750 percentage.

The system also missed two SEC games by a total of six points, which lowered the conference slate to 39-11-2 and a .780 tab.

Overall the HRS now has a 229-58-19 record, good for a .798 mark.

Here's the way the games should turn out this week:

### OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Western 28, Middle Tennessee 13 — Last week the Toppers proved that it takes more than M&M's (Morehead and mud) to stop their potent passing attack.

Western now claims the strongest team in the conference, and the Blue Raiders are in no position to argue.

East Tennessee 21, Morehead 9

— The league - leading Buccaneers will move even closer to the OVC crown,

although Morehead is due to have a good game.

Other OVC Scores:

Eastern 21, Tennessee Tech 13

Murray 23, Austin Peay 17

### SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Vanderbilt 17, Kentucky 14— The Wildcats' offense will explode for two touchdowns this week, but Vandy will still have a happy homecoming.

Tennessee 35, South Carolina 7 — This one pits the top SEC team against the top Atlantic Coast team, but the Vols shouldn't have much trouble this week.

Other SEC Predictions:

Georgia 28, Florida 21

LSU 35, Alabama 17

Auburn 44, Mississippi State 7

Mississippi 56, Chattanooga 13



# Western Goes After 5th In Row

## Western To Face Middle

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

Western goes after its fifth straight win and bids to keep alive in the Ohio Valley Conference football race at Middle Tennessee tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

Coach Jimmy Feix' Hilltoppers have dusted off three league opponents in a row since dropping their first two conference games by a total of just 10 points.

Besides knocking off Tennessee Tech 42-0, Eastern Kentucky 27-26 and Morehead 27-2 in that streak, the Hilltoppers also took care of Northern Illinois 14-12.

Middle Tennessee has the poorest record of any league school.

The Raiders have won just one of seven games overall and show a 1-3 mark in the OVC.

Western is 4-2-1 on the season after a poor start and is 3-2 in the OVC, tied for second place behind East Tennessee's 3-0-1 record.

Comparative scores give Western a big edge.

Middle Tennessee bowed to Morehead by 26 points, to Eastern by 14 and Austin Peay by nine.

The Raiders are the lowest scoring team in the OVC, averaging just 15 points a game.

Their defense is the second worst in the league, yielding 20 points per start.

And they will be facing a quarterback who already has broken Western's career total-offense record.

He is senior Johnny Vance, who has piled up 3,052 yards rushing and passing to snap coach Jimmy Feix' career mark.

Vance is third in the OVC this season in both total-offense with 1,234 yards and in passing with 1,126 yards.

He has hurled nine touchdown passes and has scored 26 points himself on four touchdowns and two extra-points.

For all of the Raiders' poor record, they do own an outstanding passer in Bill Griffith.

Griffith ranks right behind Vance in passing with 926 yards and four touchdowns and he is sixth in total-offense with 918 yards, showing a minus eight yards rushing.

If Western, though, could stop Morehead's Bill Marston without a touchdown past week, they figure to handle Griffith.

Marston ranks second in the OVC in both passing and total-offense.

Vance has four prime targets.

End Jay Davis is fifth in the OVC with 23 catches for 509 yards and five touchdowns.

He is an all-the-way threat when he flags one.

The other primary targets have been Jim Vorhees and Bill Rose with 19 grabs apiece and Darryl Smith with 14, four of them for touchdowns.

Vorhees leads the Hilltopper runners with 445 yards on 97 carries.

Nat Northington shows a 3-yard average and Vance owns 108 yards on the ground on 77 runs, an extraordinary total for a quarterback.

Gene Carney is Middle Tennessee's top runner with 341 yards in 112 carries.

The Raiders' best weapon this fall has been Ron Taylor's punting.

He leads the league with a 39.6-yard average.

The hosts have a prime kicker also in Nares Choobua, who has booted a league-leading six field goals and has converted 15 of 16 extra-points.

He is tied in extra-point proficiency in the OVC with Western's Darrell Law, who also has kicked 15 of 16.

Western's biggest edge lies in its defense, which ranks second in the OVC.

The pacemakers of this platoon are Jim Barber with 52 main tackles, Lawrence Brame with 42 and Gene England and Bill Hape with 35 main tackles apiece.

They will have to keep an especially wary eye on Middle's Reuben Justice.

Justice has returned two kickoffs for long touchdowns and is averaging over 35 yards per return on the season.

# Vance Sparks Western Past Middle Tenn. By 28-14

## Ups Record TO

## Engineers 5th Victory In Row

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (Spl) — Western Kentucky rode a faultless first half to a 28-14 victory over Middle Tennessee which kept the Hilltoppers alive in the Ohio Valley Conference football race Saturday.

Western quarterback Johnny Vance engineered the team's fifth straight victory by enlarging on his Hilltopper career total-offense record.

The senior ace completed 20 passes for 196 yards and two touchdowns to run his career total-offense record total to 3,313 yards.

Western scored two touchdowns in each of the first two quarters and had two more called back by penalties to zoom into a 28-0 halftime lead.

It was the fourth win against two losses in the conference for coach Jimmy Feix' club and ran its over-all record to 5-2-1.

Tied for second place in the league, Western trails only East Tennessee, which is 4-0-1 in conference play with two games remaining.

The Raiders not only trailed 28-0 at the half, but they were behind by 251 yards to 76 in total-offense and be 13 to six in first downs.

With their defense intercepting two passes and stealing a pair of fumbles, the Hilltoppers had to move only 19, 23 and 43 yards for three of their touchdowns.

The only long sustained drive covered 80 yards.

Halfback Nat Northington scored two touchdowns for the Hilltoppers before injuring a shoulder late in the first half. He will be sidelined indefinitely.

Getting the other Western touchdowns were Steve Schmidt on a one-yard lunge and Jay Davis on a 23-yard pass from Vance.

Vance passed 16 yards to Northington for one of the tailback's touchdowns. Northington's other TD came on a two-yard slam.

Western had a whopping total-offense of 406 yards, with Vance running for 65 in addition to passing for 196 more.

Middle Tennessee piled up 307 yards on the ground and in the air, with nearly all of it coming after the decision had been

sealed with the 28-0 halftime lead.

Not since the golden two-platoon days of nearly 20 years ago when coach Jimmy Feix himself was the star has a Western football team operated as flawlessly as in the first half yesterday.

	WKy.	MT.
First Downs	21	13
Yards Rushing	213	161
Yards Passing	193	146
Total Offense	406	307
Passes	21-36	8-28
Passes Int. By	2	2
Fumbles Lost By	1	2
Punts	6-43	7-34
Penalties	102	41
Rushing leaders:		
Justice (MT)	No.	Yds
	17	146
Vorhees (W)	22	96
Vance (W)	10	65

By the time they owned a 28-0 lead late in the half, the Hilltoppers had piled up 13 first downs against just two for the hosts.

And they scored two other touchdowns in this half which were nullified by penalties.

Western got going on the first play of the game when Mike Connolly and Gene England forced Bill Beam to cough up a fumble which Larence Brame recovered.

Seven plays later that Northington got his first touchdown on a slam from two yards out. John Marrks kicked goal.

Just seconds later, Western

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## Has Erased 10 Records

# Feix Happy That Vance Is Breaking His Career Marks

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

A decision that Western football coach Jimmy Feix made last year is going to cost him a lot of space in the Hilltopper record book.

Feix, a Little All-America quarterback at Western in his playing days 20 years ago, still holds 21 school records for passing and total-offense.

But when he decided last year to change from a rushing-oriented offense to a pass-minded attack, he as much as declared open season on his own records for Hilltopper quarterback Johnny Vance.

Vance, a 6-3 senior from Glasgow, has already erased five of Feix' records—along with five

more belonging to other players—this season.

In addition, 11 more, including seven belonging to Feix, are well within his reach with two more games to go.

Here are the marks already set by Vance through last week's 28-14 victory over Middle Tennessee:

**CAREER** — Most plays, 739. Most yards total-offense, 4,107. Most punts, 135. Most yards punted, 5,065. Most interceptions, 37.

**SEASON** — Most plays, 302. Most passes attempted, 214.

**GAME** — Most passes completed, 20. Highest punting average, 43.5 against Middle Tennessee.

Here is a rundown on other

marks within Vance's reach:

### —CAREER—

Most completions: Vance owns 237. The record 256, held by Feix.

Most yards passing: Vance owns 3,419. The record is 3,609, held by Feix.

Highest punting average: Vance is averaging 37.5 yards. The record is 36.2, set by Denny Wedge.

### —SEASON—

Most yards total offense: Vance owns 1,489. The record is 1,546, held by Feix.

Most completions: Vance has hurled 103. The mark is 111, set by Feix.

Most yards passing: Vance owns 1,316. The record is 1,581, held by Feix.

Most touchdown passes: Vance has 11. The record is 15 by Feix.

Highest punting average: Vance owns 39.4 yards this season. The record is 38.2, set by Wedge.

No one could be happier than Feix that his records are falling.

He would probably trade them all to see his team beat Akron and Murray in the final two games of the season and run their winning streak to seven games.

Indeed, it may take a record-setting performance for Western to get past Akron's Zips, who are ranked among the Top Ten college division teams in America, and Murray, which staged a scoring circus last week to out-point Austin Peay 53-41.

When the rivals clash Saturday in Akron's Rubber Bowl, great records will go on the line.

The Zips own a 8-1 mark and a six-game winning streak.

Western is 5-2-1 on the season and has a five-game victory streak going.

Western's preparation for the game has been complicated by a dislocated shoulder suffered by tailback Nat Northington, who scored twice in a 28-14 victory over Middle Tennessee last weekend.

He will probably miss the Murray game as well.

Northington will be replaced by either junior Jim Schmidt or freshman Andy Francis.

Vance ranks third in the OVC in both total-offense with 1,489 yards and in passing with 103 completions for 1,316 yards and 11 touchdowns.

He also is tied for first in punting with a 39.4-yard average on 54 kicks.

Hilltopper Jay Davis is tied for fourth in scoring with 36 points.

Darrell Law is sixth in scoring by kicking with 17 points.

Davis is sixth in pass-catching with 28 grabs for 560 yards.

His yardage total is third in the league, behind Morehead's John High with 770 and Austin Peay's Harold Roberts with 716.

Teammate Bill Rose ranks seventh with 26 grabs for 200 yards. And Vorhees is 10th with 22 catches for 234 yards.

## Western's 'Gang'

# Brame Formula: Search, Destroy

By JOHN FLYNN

Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

In becoming Western Kentucky University's most feared defensive performer since Dale Lindsey, Lawrence Brame destroys the mystique that has grown up with televised football.

He reduces defense to a simple game of search and destroy, yet denies that hate and anger, supposedly the motivation of football's most feared head hunters, have anything to do with it.

"Going all out and smacking somebody on every play are habits I developed in

high school," said the junior defensive end from Hopkinsville, Ky. "My coaches kept telling me that if I put out on every play things were going to happen for me.

"Oh, once in awhile it becomes personal, but generally I just feel like I have a job to do. I suppose I'm like every football player in wanting to prove I'm a better man than the player across from me.

"It's the truth, however, that things happen for the player who never lets up. Take the first play against Middle Tennessee last Saturday. It was run away from me, but I followed it across field and recovered a fumble that was forced by linebacker Jimmy Barber."

### Much Smarter This Fall

Brame's single-mindedness gets him into trouble occasionally. For example, he has been known to fly right by the ball carrier on draw plays and get knocked off his feet by well-placed blocks around his knees.

"His first two years his rush was wild and uncontrolled," said Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd. "Our fullbacks, Bob Beck and Butch Evans, discovered they could block him off his feet by hitting him around the knees.

"However, he proved to be a much smarter player this fall. His rush was more contained and as a result he had a great game against us.

"On Jimmy Brooks' 59-yard touchdown run, Brame pursued from the other side of the line and almost caught Jimmy by the ankle as he went by the Western bench. And on Bill March's two touchdown passes, Brame almost killed him with clean, hard tackles just as Bill released the ball.

"There's no better player in the conference," concluded Kidd.

### Makes Opponents Pay

The Western coaches are aware that Brame has minor flaws but they aren't about to alter his kamikaze style to correct them.

They do, however, try to put a steady hand next to him on defense. Last year it was tackle Romeo Crennel who was willing to stay home and guard against a sneak attack while Lawrence went head-hunting.

Earlier this season Crennel was switched to offense and the job of covering for Brame fell to Gene England—himself a quick, explosive player. England, however, has adjusted nicely to his responsibilities, and Brame, although under a little better control, is on the loose again.

Opposing players pay for their confrontations with Lawrence. Following the Tennessee Tech-Western game this fall, Tech's great runner, Larry Schreiber, sat in the locker room and massaged the base of his nose. "It was that damn Brame," said Schreiber, who is as tough as they come. "Every time we play these guys, it seems they wind him up and send him after us."

Brame has no more dedicated fans than Western head coach Jimmy Feix and defensive line coach Robbie Franklin.

"With all of Lawrence's natural talent," said Feix, "he has never failed to give us less than 110 per cent on a single play since he's been with us."

Franklin added, "Lawrence leads by his actions. When our other kids see him hitting and being hit so terrifically hard play after play, and getting such a heckuva lot of real fun out of it, they just naturally have to go harder themselves."



Staff Photo

LAWRENCE BRAME  
Good habits pay off

## N.D. State Leads

# Topper Foe Akron Is Rated 4th In Nation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's room at the top now in the nation's small college football poll for the simple reason North Dakota State is through for the season.

The Bisons finished No. 1 again last week—and now turns its attention to the Camellia Bowl Dec. 13 in Sacramento, Calif.

Sports writers and sportscasters voting in the AP national

panel awarded the Bisons 11 first place votes and 300 points Wednesday after the Fargo fanatics beat South Dakota State 20-13 for a 9-0 season record.

The Camellia Bowl will be the Bisons' third straight postseason game. They won twice in three Pecan Bowls and in 1964 won the Mineral Water Bowl game.

Montana, 9-0, again finished second in the poll with one first place vote and 279 points boosting its record to 9-0 by blanking Cal Poly SLO 14-0 and Delaware, 7-1, beat Lehigh 42-17 for 185 points and another third-place finish.

Akron, 8-1, moved from fifth to fourth with one first place vote and 165 points after crushing Youngstown 60-27 and New Mexico Highlands, 7-0-1, jumped from seventh to fifth with 158 points and one first-place vote after burying Southern Utah 59-0.

Alcorn A&M, 6-0-1, remained in sixth place with 151 points after beating Mississippi Valley 41-10. Louisiana Tech, 6-1, ad-

vanced from eighth to seventh with 128 points after nipping Southeast Louisiana 25-24.

Arkansas State, 5-1-1, dropped from fourth to eighth after tying Drake 21-21. Northern Arizona, 7-2, was a newcomer to the Top Ten, occupying ninth position after finishing 12th last week. Northern Arizona, which beat Eastern New Mexico 48-20, just edged out Texas A&I, which dropped from a tie for ninth into 10th place. Texas A&I, 7-1, received a first-place vote after blanking Howard Payne 27-0.

In the second 10, Tampa, 5-2-1, joined the rankings in 11th place after beating the Quantico Marines 45-10.

The Top Twenty, with first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

1. No. Dak. St. (11)	300
2. Montana (1)	279
3. Delaware	185
4. Akron (1)	165
5. N.Mex. Highland (1)	158
6. Alcorn A&M	151
7. Louisiana Tech	128
8. Arkansas State	114
9. No. Arizona	81
10. Texas A&I (1)	80
11. Tampa	78
12. Sacramento State	70
13. Abilene Christian	61
14. W. Carolina (2)	54
15. Colo. St. Coll.	44
16. Indiana (Pa.)	43
17. E. Tenn. State	39
18. Wittenberg	36
19. W. Illinois (1)	20
20. Indiana State	20

## Tops Sign 2 Speedy Halfbacks

Western head coach, Jimmy Feix, has made no bones about the fact that he and his staff are eager to sign up some speedy performers for future Hilltopper grid machines.

With that prerequisite in mind, the 'Topper recruiting season got off on the proper note this week as Western signed two swift backs to Ohio Valley Conference grants-in-aid.

Claude Spillman and Mike McCoy, both of Louisville, are the first two players signed by Western this fall.

"Both of these boys are going to be welcome additions to our team," said Feix. "Their speed and quickness give them the prime ingredients needed by a football player in the kind of wide-open game that's being played everywhere these days."

Spillman, 5-10, 170-pound offensive and defensive halfback from Shawnee High School, has been timed at 9.9 seconds in the 100-yard dash. He was coached this season by ex-Western player Dave Peake, who succeeded present Western Assistant Coach Lee Murray to the head coaching post at Shawnee.

Spillman's older brother, Harold, is a member of the present Hilltopper squad.

McCoy, a 5-10, 175-pounder from Eastern High School, has run a 9.8 100-yard dash. He, too, can perform ably on either offense or defense, having done both for Coach Dick Young at Eastern.

# Vance Brilliant in Western's 21-18 Loss to Akron

Special to The Courier-Journal & Times

AKRON, Ohio — Western Kentucky quarterback Johnny Vance practically whipped his coach's name from the Hilltopper record book yesterday in a tremendous passing show, but could not prevent the 'Toppers from falling to Akron University 21-18.

Vance rallied Western from a 21-0 deficit with a three-touchdown surge in the last period and had Akron, which completed a fine 9-1 season, holding on in the snow and 22-degree weather.

Along the way, Vance broke 10 of Jimmy Feix' school records—including pass attempts, completions, passing yardage and total offense in a single game. He hit 37 of 59 attempts for 413 yards,

all Ohio Valley Conference standards, incidentally, and riddled an Akron defense that was noted for its tenacity. He ran for an additional 15 yards and had 428 yards in total offense.

However, Akron used three short touchdown runs by 29-year-old fullback John Vargo, one in each of the first three quarters, to build a healthy lead that

Western could not quite overcome with its late surge.

Western had one frustration after another until finally breaking loose. The Hilltoppers, who saw their record drop to 5-3-1 heading into Saturday's finale with Murray State at Bowling Green, had drives stopped at the Akron 4, 1, 28 and 35.

With 13:40 to go in the final period, Western finally scored on a five-yard toss from Vance to fullback Jim Vorhees. Following this score and trailing 21-6, Feix elected to go for a two-point pass. It failed and Western ended up missing three two-point tries, thereby providing Akron, which kicked its three conversions, with the margin of victory.

Western struck again when Vance

## Statistics

	Western	Akron
First downs	25	19
Net yards rushing	162	61
Passes	37-59	4-13-0
Yards passing	413	98
Fumbles lost by	1	1
Yards penalized	15	62
Punts	1-43.0	6-30.8

marched his team 71 yards in 12 plays—the payoff pitch being a four-yarder to Jay Davis who set Western records for receiving with his 17 catches for 219 yards.

Western's final score came on a 64-yard bomb from Vance to Tom Turner with a little over four minutes remaining in the contest, which attracted 5,000 fans to 33,000 seat Rubber Bowl.

Vance also surpassed Feix, who fin-

ished up at Western in 1952, in completions (139), passing yardage (1,727) and total offense (1,915) in a season and completions (273), passes attempted (557) and passing yardage (3,830) in a career.

Davis, meanwhile, set Western single-season records for pass receptions (45) and yards receiving (779) and career catches (78).

Akron, by the way, had hoped to use a decisive victory over Western to make the Grantland Rice Bowl, but now appears to be running behind East Tennessee, the Ohio Valley Conference champion, which ran its record to 8-0-1 with a 27-21 victory over Middle Tennessee yesterday.

WESTERN 0 0 0 12-18  
AKRON 7 7 7 0-21  
Akron: Vargo, 2, run (Harrison kick). Akron: Vargo, 3, run (Harrison kick). Akron: Vargo, 1, run (Harrison kick). Western: Vorhees, 5, pass from Vance (run failed). Western: Davis, 4, pass from Vance (pass failed). Western: Turner, 64, pass from Vance (pass failed).  
Attendance: 5,000.

## *Tops Face Breds In Finale*

# Bucs Win OVC Football Title

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

East Tennessee owned its first undisputed Ohio Valley Conference football championship today, thanks to a real running and passing show.

The Bucs downed Middle Tennessee, 27-21, to clinch the title and their defense, for the first time all season, had to take a back seat to the offense.

The Bucs ground out 161 yards on the ground and 219 in the air as quarterback Larry Graham hit on 14 of 19 passes.

East Tennessee owns a 5-0-1

mark in conference play with just one game remaining. They are 8-0-1 on the season.

The lone blot was that tie with Murray, which invades to meet Western here Saturday afternoon.

All other league teams have lost at least two conference games.

Tennessee Tech's Larry Schreiber was a happy star also.

He piled up 239 yards rushing in Tech's 56-20 blitz past Austin Peay to break ex-Western star Dickie Moore's one-season OVC rushing record.

Moore's mark was 1,444 yards. Schreiber now owns 1,522.

Western's Johnny Vance also got in the record-breaking act.

He set 12 school and conference records and end Jay Davis established six new school pass-receiving marks as the Hilltoppers bowed at Akron, 21-18.

Vance's two OVC marks came when he completed 36 to 56 passes.

Second place in the league behind East Tennessee could be settled this weekend.

Western and Eastern are tied for the runnerup slot with 4-2-0 conference records.

The tie could come unsnarled Saturday when the Toppers host Murray (2-3-1 in the league) and Eastern travels to Morehead.

The Hilltoppers will have to be especially wary of Murray's Rick Fisher and Matt Haug.

Fisher scored four touchdowns as the Racers plastered Evansville, 42-16, and Haug passed for two scores.

Murray has a 5-3-1 mark on the season.



## *Western-Murray Battle*

# Total-Offense, Pass Titles Hinge On Tilt

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

The Western-Murray football game does not need an extra filip, but it will have one here Saturday.

The Ohio Valley Conference's total-offense and passing titles may very well ride on the outcome.

The Racers' Matt Haug leads in both categories—and Western's Johnny Vance, who has been sensational in the last four games, ranks second in both divisions of play.

Haug owns 1,975 yards in total-offense.

Vance has 1,917 yards.

Haug has completed 143 passes for 2,051 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Vance has hit on 140 for 1,729

yards and 14 touchdowns.

In addition, Vance leads the league in punting with a 39.5-yard average.

Murray also features the league's No. 3 rusher and scorer in Rick Fisher.

He has run for 815 yards and a 5.5-yard average and he owns 54 points on the season.

Western's closest counterparts are runner Jim Vorhees, sixth in the OVC with 625 yards and a 4.4-yard average, and end Jay Davis, fifth in the conference in scoring with 42 points.

Davis is third in pass-receiving with 45 grabs for 751 yards and seven touchdowns.

Outright possession of second place or a share of the runnerup slot in the league standings also will be at stake for coach Jimmy

Feix' Hilltoppers.

Champion East Tennessee has a 5-0-1 record, while Western and Eastern are tied for second with 4-2 marks.

Eastern closes at Morehead Saturday.

Murray leads the loop in total-offense with an average of 397 yards a game.

Western is second with 334 yards a game.

East Tennessee leads in team defense with a yield of 245 yards a game.

Western is second with an average of 260 yards per tilt.

Murray is next-to-last with a yield of 330 yards per start.

Regardless of what happens to East Tennessee at Austin Peay Saturday, the Bucs are league champions.

# It'll Be 'Total Offense Bowl' When Vance, Haug Collide

By JOHN FLYNN

Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

The fact that Murray State and Western Kentucky—the pre-season favorites for the Ohio Valley Conference football championship—will be playing for the crumbs instead of the title Saturday at Bowling Green is no fault of quarterbacks Matt Haug and Johnny Vance.

Vance, the lanky Western thrower with the shotgun arm, has been remarkable over the second half of the season, climaxing a string of outstanding games by completing 37 of 59 passes for 413 yards against a highly-ranked Akron University defense last Saturday.

"He's the best quarterback we've seen this season," said Akron associate head coach Jim Dennison. "In fact, he's the best we've seen since Louisiana Tech's Terry Bradshaw.

"He has such a quick, strong arm that we couldn't get our linemen to him in time," added Dennison. "He just set up and picked us to pieces."

## Closing In on Tillman

Haug, meanwhile, got out from under the shadow of Larry Tillman with early-season play, and has come on to match Tillman, Murray's 1968 offensive leader, in practically every department.

For instance, Haug (pronounced Hog), a gangly 6-3 junior from Missouri, has a good chance of bettering Tillman's 1968 production which included 162 completions in 307 attempts for 2,206 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Going into Saturday's confrontation with the strong Western defense, Haug has completed 143 of 277 passes for 2,051 yards and 18 touchdowns.

He has been intercepted 27 times, which would appear to be an alarming rate—but Murray coach Bill Furgerson insists he isn't concerned.

"Remember, Matt hasn't had the protection that we gave Tillman," said Furgerson. "I was just checking and I



Matt Haug



Johnny Vance

found that Western dumped Larry only once in last year's game. Matt, on the other hand, often has had to throw hurriedly."

Furgerson then took Haug off the hook for many of his interceptions.

"Several have come late in losing games with Matt going for the bomb,"

## Schreiber Out

### Tennessee Tech Standout Undergoes Knee Surgery

Special to The Courier-Journal

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Tech's great running back, Larry Schreiber of Villa Hills, Ky., will miss the final game of the season—a Thanksgiving Day clash with Austin Peay University.

Schreiber underwent surgery yesterday to correct a torn knee ligament that he suffered against Austin Peay last Saturday. He will be in a cast for 4-6 weeks.

The 200-pounder thus ends his collegiate career with 4,421 yards rushing, the fourth highest total ever. He could have moved into second place by gaining 82 yards against Austin Peay.

He already had the Ohio Valley Conference rushing crown wrapped up with 1,522 yards, a one-season record, in 271 carries.

noted Furgerson. "East Tennessee intercepted him twice in the last minute. Others have been the receivers' fault and some have been the result of danged good defense. All in all, we're pleased as pie with Matt's performance."

Coming off the bench and doing the job is nothing new for Haug. He was a benchwarmer in high school until his senior season when he directed his team to a 10-0 record by completing 53 of 98 passes for better than 1,000 yards and 17 touchdowns.

For most of this season Haug, who played in only three games last year, was the only OVC passer completing better than 50 per cent of his attempts. Then Vance's second-half spurt lifted him into the elite category with Haug.

## Shooting for Second

Either Haug or Vance—depending on Saturday's performance—will win the OVC's total offense crown. Haug holds a slender lead, 1,975 yards to 1,917, heading into the game, but Vance has been closing ground by the week.

As far as the conference standings are concerned, Western has more on the line than Murray. The Toppers currently are tied with Eastern Kentucky for second place behind East Tennessee, which already has the title and the Grantland Rice Bowl bid wrapped up.

Eastern will close its season against Morehead State at Richmond.

Murray, however, doesn't need a reason to get fired up for Western. "It's THE game," said Furgerson.

"Our chances for the championship were ruined by injuries," continued Furgerson. "At one time we had nine players sidelined who were or had been starters. This is the reason we have 2-3-1 conference record. But it doesn't take the edge off of our rivalry with Western."

Western, also hit by injuries early in the season, will carry a 4-2 OVC record into the contest.

## *In Western History*

# Vance Climaxes One Of Greatest Careers

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

One of the record-breaking careers in Western's athletic history will come to a climax here Saturday when quarterback Johnny Vance trots onto the field for the final time.

The senior from Glasgow owns no fewer than 12 Western and four Ohio Valley Conference records for one game, one season and for a career.

Here are Vance's OVC marks, all of them also Western records, set in last week's loss at Akron:

—Most Plays — 68.  
—Most Yards Total Offense — 428.

—Most Passes Attempted — 59.

—Most Passes Completed — 37.

And here are his school marks:

### —CAREER—

—Most Passes Attempted — 558.

—Most Completions — 274.

—Most Yards Passing — 3,832.

### —SEASON—

—Most Yards Total Offense — 1,917.

—Most Completions — 140.

—Most Yards Passing — 1,729.

—Most Yards Punted — 2,170.

### —ONE GAME—

—Most Yards Passing — 413.

In addition, his favorite receiver, end Jay Davis who is just a sophomore, owns five

Western game, season and career records.

He has caught 76 passes in just two seasons to slip past record-holder Bill Ploumis who flagged 62 in his four-year career.

Vance will be pried against an ace Murray thrower in Matt Haug.

Haug has completed 143 passes for 2,051 yards and 18 touchdowns this season.

Western leads Murray in the long series.

The Hilltoppers own 16 victories against 13 for Murray.

An almost incredible six ties have been recorded in this series, the top collegiate one in Kentucky.



JOHNNY VANCE  
Ends Western Career

## *Vols Selected*

# Tops Picked To Nip Murray In Last Tilt

By CLARK HANES

Daily News Special Writer

Nearly all of the nation's top gridiron elevens have agreed to appear in one bowl or another.

But why do all of the bowl committees (with the possible exception of the Sugar Bowl) always try to pick the best teams?

It would be just as entertaining to watch two of the nations' worst teams square off and "attempt" to fight it out.

For example:

Hill Bowl, at Hadley, Ky: An explosive offensive duel between UK, which has amassed five touchdowns in its last seven games, and Virginia, which has been shut out in four of its last five games.

Speedtrap Bowl: Another high-scoring thriller matching Baylor's unblemished record (0-8), against the Navy, which has piled up three touchdowns in the last five games.

Toll Bowl, at Shepherdsville, Ky: A tight defensive battle between Washington State (1-8), which held Iowa to 61 points, and winless Illinois, whose last five opponents have each scored over 40 points.

Oh well, so much for nonsensical forecasts.

Last week's real predictions produced a .822 percentage for the week, as a result of only eight losses in 45 games.

The OVC forecast proved faultless, raising the year's record to 34-8-4 for a .810 mark.

The SEC percentage remained an even .800 for the year, with a 48-12-3 slate.

Overall, the record to date is 298 wins, 72 losses, and 23 ties, good for a .805 tab.

And here's the pigskin preview for this week:

### Ohio Valley Conference

Western 28, Murray 20 — The Racers' offense has exploded for 95 points in the last two games, but against weak opponents.

Western is definitely not a weak opponent, as fourth-ranked Akron almost learned the hard way.

East Tennessee 33, Austin Peay 14 — East Tennessee has already wrapped up the OVC crown, and this Saturday the Buccaneers will wrap up Austin Peay—in a CARE package.

Eastern 21, Morehead 7 — The Colonels should have little trouble with Morehead, despite the loss of superstar Jimmy Brooks.

### Southeastern Conference

Tennessee 35, Kentucky 7 — This will be the last week for Coach Ray and his Wildcats to "burn the midnight oil," but UK might give the Vols a better game than they expect.

Vanderbilt 38, Davidson 13 — Vandy seems to have little trouble taming Wildcats, whether they're from Lexington or Davidson.

LSU 37, Tulane 7 — Tulane is on Cloud Nine after routing Virginia 31-0, but LSU, which is hopping mad about the bowl situation, will bring the Greenies back to earth with a resounding thud.

## Toppers Sign Tomek

An ace quarterback and a speedy linebacker-guard have become the two latest high school football stars to sign Ohio Valley Conference grants-in-aid with Western.

Dennis Tomek, 5-11, 150-pound quarterback from Caldwell County High, and John Humphrey, a 5-11, 180-pounder who played both offensive guard and linebacker at Owensboro High School, are the fourth and fifth prep standouts signing with the Hilltoppers during the current recruiting season.

Western had earlier signed halfbacks Claude Spillman, Louisville Shawnee; Mike McCoy, Louisville Eastern; and John Embree, Larue County.

Tomek led Coach Fred Clayton's Caldwell County eleven to an 8-2 record this fall. Over the past two years, the young field general has completed 144 of 347 passes for 2,055 yards and 20 touchdowns.

He also won two games with field goals, edging Union County 10-7 in 1968 and Madisonville 3-0 this season. He averaged 3.8 yards per carry as a rusher.

Humphrey is recognized as one of the top high school linemen in the entire state. He was a devastating blocker and a keystone in Owensboro's defense.

"Both of these boys are top prospects," Western Head Coach Jimmy Feix commented.

"Tomek is a fine leader, as well as a passer and kicker. Humphrey has outstanding speed and explosive power. He should be a tremendous college football player."

# Aerial Show Due As Tops Host To Murray Saturday



PLAYING THEIR FINAL game for Western here tomorrow against Murray will be these five senior starters. From left are

team captain Romeo Crennel, Jim Vorhees, Johnny Jagers, Bill Rose and recording-setting quarterback Johnny Vance.

## Statistical Leaders

# Vance, Haug Showdown Duel

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

The greatest offensive show in the brief history of Smith Stadium is expected tomorrow when Western and Murray battle for the 36th time.

The 1:30 p.m. rivals rank 1-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference in total-offense.

Murray leads with an average of 397 yards a game. Western is second with 334 yards per start.

In addition, the No. 1 and No. 2 individuals in the league in TO and in passing will be paired.

Murray's Matt Haug leads in both categories with 1,975 yards in total-offense and with 2,051 yards passing.

Western's Johnny Vance, second in both categories, could well pass Haug if he keeps up the splendid series of performances of the past five weeks.

Vance shows 1,917 yards in TO and 1,729 yards in the air.

Six of the top 10 pass-catchers in the league will be on display in the seasonal finale for both. Western's Jay Davis is third in the OVC with 43 catches for 751 yards.

Teammates Bill Rose and Jim Vorhees rank fifth and eight respectively.

Murray's Jack Wolf is fourth with 37 catches for 289 yards, while teammates Bill Hess and Rick Fisher rate sixth and 10 in the loop.

Fisher is perhaps the most dangerous Racer, next to Haug.

In addition to ranking 10th in pass-receiving, he is third in rushing with 819 yards on 145 carries for 5.5-yard average.

Western's Vorhees is sixth in rushing with 625 yards and a 4.4-yard average.

Four of the league's top 10 scorers also will be in action.

They are Murray's Fisher, third in the conference with 54 points; Western's Davis, fifth with 42; Murray's Russ Hake, tied for seventh with 36, and teammate Stan Watts, tied for seventh with 36 apiece.

Murray owns a crack field-goal kicker in Watts, who has booted five of eight and shows 36 points by kicking.

His counterpart for Western is Darrell Law, who shows 17 points with his foot.

Comparative scores offer little help in predicting a winner, although Western has by far the better record.

The Hilltoppers are 4-2-0 in the league and tied for second place and they own a 5-3-1 record against all opposition.

Murray is 2-3-1 in the league and 5-3-1 over-all.

Comparative scores offer little help.

Murray tied East Tennessee 10-all, while Western lost by 16-7.

The Racers beat Austin Peay by 53-41, while Western lost by 28-27.

The Hilltoppers, though, clipped Tennessee Tech by 42-0 and Tech beat Murray 28-21.

Western flipped Eastern Kentucky by 27-26, while the Colonels walloped Murray 34-13.

The Toppers also beat Middle Tennessee by 28-14 and the Racers bowed by 31-24.

And Western chopped down Morehead by 27-2, while Murray won by only 13-7.

Hilltopper fans will be seeing the greatest passing combination in Western's history for the final time.

That would be quarterback Johnny Vance pitching to end Jay Davis.

Vance owns 12 Western records and four all-time OVC marks.

Davis has fashioned five all-time Hilltopper pass-catching standards.

But Haug and his catchers have been just as prolific.

## Seniors To Speak At Fete

The five senior members of Western's 1969 football squad will be the featured speakers at the annual Optimist Club Football Appreciation Banquet, scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the National Guard Armory on Morgantown Road.

The Hilltopper seniors are Captain Romeo Crennel, Alternate Captain Bill Rose, Johnny Jagers, Johnny Vance, and Jim Vorhees.

Several individual awards will be made as the Optimist Club and other Hilltopper fans pay tribute to the Western team and coaching staff.

Tickets, priced at \$4 each, are on sale at the Sports Center in downtown Bowling Green, at the Western football offices in L. T. Smith Stadium, or may be purchased from any Optimist Club member.

Western carries a 5-3-1 overall record and 4-2-0 Ohio Valley Conference record into Saturday's season finale against Murray. The game is slated for 1:30 p.m. in L. T. Smith Stadium.

## Vance, Brame Honored

Western's observance of collegiate football's centennial season included naming of two outstanding players against Murray yesterday and presentation of commemorative medals.

Players winning the honors were quarterback Johnny Vance, who named the game's top offensive player, and end Lawrence Brame, selected as the best defender in the tilt.

Receiving the NCAA centennial medals were:

—President Dero Downing.  
—Athletic director Ted Hornback.

—Dr. John Minton, representing the faculty.

—Retired coach Ed Diddle (basketball) and Nick Denes (football).

—And injured players Jack LaSalvia and Bill Muller, representing the Hilltopper team.



# Vorhees, Brame, Vance Stars In Tops' 56-14 Win Beat Murray For 2nd Place

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

Did anybody get the license number of that truck that hit Murray at L. T. Smith Stadium yesterday?!!

After the smoke from Western's 56-14 victory had cleared, about 3,000 of the fans swore it bore No. 15.

That would be Hilltopper quarterback Johnny Vance, who broke coach Jimmy Feix' school record by passing for 16 touchdowns on the season.

Vance also wrecked the Ohio Valley Conference one-season yards passing record by shoving his total to 2,305 yards.

Others said, no, it was No. 78.

That would be Hilltopper end Lawrence Brame, who virtually destroyed the Racers for three quarters with his tremendous defensive play.

Brame tackled Murray runners for losses totaling 63 yards — not to mention uncouncted bruises.

Still others felt it was No. 33.

That would be Western fullback Jim Vorhees.

All this stubby little senior did was to score three touchdowns and lead all runners with 139 yards on 35 heavy-duty carries from scrimmage.

And he even turned quarterback — with Vance playing a split end — in the final moments.

It was Western's fifth win against two losses in the OVC, good for second place and ran the final over-all record to 6-3-1.

Murray finished with a 2-4-1 mark in the OVC and 5-4-1 against all opposition.

That Vance had a hand in three touchdowns.

He ran 27 yards for one.

And he passed for two more — for 26 yards to Vorhees and for 14 yards to Tom Turner in the game's final two minutes to break Feix' one-season touchdown-passing mark.

Vorhees, in addition to his grab of that touchdown pass, ran two and three yards for the game's first two scores.

And the little guy also passed 17 yards to Darryl Smith for a touchdown.

So, the senior had a hand in three touchdowns.

Vance was named the top offensive player of the game over Vorhees.

And that Brame won top defensive honors without a real challenger.

The Hilltoppers crammed five touchdowns — 35 points — into the game's final 15 minutes.

They led 49-0 before Murray ever got on the scoreboard.

The Racer touchdowns came on a 19-yard pass from Matt Haug to Rich Fisher and on Fisher's 32-yard gallop, all in the final moments.

	WKy	Mur
First Downs	26	17
Yards Rushing	197	17
Yards Passing	254	276

Total Offense	451	293
Passes	18-39	18-34
Passes Int. By	2	3
Fumbles Lost By	0	6
Punts	8-34	9-38
Penalties	13-117	7-71

#### Rushing leaders:

	No.	Yds.
Vorhees (W)	35	134
Fisher (M)	7	52
Vance (W)	8	33
Brown (M)	9	31

Western left the issue in doubt no more than 3½ minutes.

Which, after kicking off to Murray, is all the time it took them to get on the scoreboard.

Taking over on the Racer 46, Vance had the team in the end zone in six plays.

The big gainer was a 25-yard Vance to Vorhees pass to the Murray 15.

After Vorhees plunged to the 11, Vance connected with Bill Rose for nine yards to the two.

Vorhees plowed over left tackle

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## Grid Banquet Tonight

# Topper Seniors Bow Out As. . . . Orators!

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

If actions do speak louder than words, then Western's five seniors are going to have to do a powerful lot of talking at the Football Appreciation Banquet tonight.

The affair is scheduled for the National Guard Armory on Morgantown Road at 7 p.m.

Tickets, priced at \$4 may be bought at the armory.

The five seniors who will be the featured speakers are Johnny Vance, Jim Vorhees, Bill Rose, Romeo Crennel and John Jagers.

Vance and Vorhees, in particular, could talk all night and not cover the highlights of their careers.

Vance has dealt in astronomical figures.

He has passed for a whopping 4,046 yards!!

And 28 touchdowns!

He has run for another 736 yards!

And 14 touchdowns!

Vorhees has rushed for 2,040 yards!

And 27 touchdowns!

He has caught 80 passes for 818 yards.

And eight touchdowns!

The little senior even completed four passes for 34 yards, too.

The credentials of Crennel, Rose and Jagers in their specialities are almost as impressive.

After showing no wins, two losses and a tie after three games, coach Jimmy Feix' team came on as strong as any Western Club in years.

They won six of their last seven, losing in that streak only to non-conference Akron by 21-18.

They really showed their muscle against Murray last Saturday by 56-14 and against Tennessee Tech in mid-season by 42-0.

Feix hates to even think about next year right now without the five seniors he is losing.

Especially Vance, whose senior campaign ranks with that of any athlete in any sport in the university's history.



HONORED HILLTOPPERS at last night's Optimist Club-sponsored Western football banquet included, from left, Bill Rose, Johnny Vance, captain Romeo Crennel, coach Jimmy

(Photo by Ernie Hearion)  
Feix, Johnny Jagers and Jim Vorhees. Some 400 fans attended the banquet at the National Guard Armory.

## Optimists Fete Western Gridders

# Vance, Crennel And Jagers Honored At Topper Banquet

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

The guys who claim football is no longer a "fun" sport should have been at the Optimist Club-sponsored Western Football Banquet last night.

Tourists passing the National Guard Armory must have thought they were showing an old Laurel & Hardy comedy film, so happy was the occasion.

Retired basketball coach Ed Diddle, resplendent in a red coat which he removed and waved like a red towel, set the theme when he said:

"You boys sure tore out a swamp the last half of the season!"

Coach Jimmy Feix labeled his team "the comeback kids of '69" and added that the momentum built up in the final six weeks

cannot help but aid in a fast start, in 1970.

Tth seniors were the featured speakers and they let nobody down.

Record-setting quarterback Johnny Vance, who almost erased Feix' name from the recordbook, said he wanted to "think" the coach for letting him play quarterback when he had such a great one in fullback Jim Vorhees.

The reference was to Vorhees' throwing a touchdown pass against Murray on a play that even caught Feix by surprise.

Captain Romeo Crennel hit on a brief, serious note.

"Football offers far more than the brutality you may hear about," he said.

"Mainly, it offers competition. And there is competition in every walk of life."

Flanker Bill Rose was referred

to by Feix as "the man who came up with the big play throughout his career".

Cornerback Johnny Jagers, who got the game ball after the big win over Murray, also got the biggest laughs.

"Coach didn't tell us until last Tuesday that we were going to have to make a speech," he said. "And then we got so interested in beating Murray we forgot all about it."

Vorhees also spoke seriously.

"I know now, after five years here, what the motto means when it says, 'The spirit makes the master'," he said.

"It seems like only yesterday that day five years ago when I arrived on the Hill."

Awards went to three players, with Vance getting two of them.

The awards were:

—The Al Almond Award for dedication—Vance.

—Offensive Player of The Year —Vance.

—Defensive Player Of The Year—Johnny Jagers.

—Senior with the highest academic standing—Captain Crennel, who has a 2.7 standing.

Feix said he remembers the seniors "with appreciation".

He called on the 1970 team to "write even brighter pages in the annals of Western football".

Plaques were presented by the team to coaches:

Feix, Butch Gilbert, Lee Murray, Ronnie Franklin, Art Zelesnik, Jackie Pope, Jerry Harris, Ron Parry and Mike Egan.

Team trainer Russell Miller also was presented with a plaque.

Athletic director Ted Hornback revealed that non-conference foes on the 1970 schedule include Indiana State, Eastern Michigan

## Hilltopper Star

# Vance 2nd In OVC In Four Categories

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

With just one game remaining involving conference schools, Western's Johnny Vance is almost certain to wind up second in no fewer than four categories of individual play in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Vance is second to Murray's Matt Haug in total offense, with 2,164 yards against Haug's 2,187.

He is also second to Haug in passing with 1,943 yards, compared with the Murray star's 2,327.

He is second in touchdown

passes with 16, against 19 for Haug.

And he is second to Morehead's Bill Marston in punting with a 38.9-yard average, compared with the leader's 39.3 mark.

So, he missed by a hair of winning three titles, being badly out-distanced only in passing yardage.

Hilltopper Jay Davis is third in pass-receiving with 46 grabs for 809 yards and seven touchdowns.

Teammates Bill Rose and Jim Vorhees rank fifth and eight respectively with 41 and 32 catches.

Vorhees also is fourth in rushing with 759 yards and a 4.3-yard average.

Davis finished fifth in scoring with 42 points.

And Hilltopper Darrell Law was sixth in the league in scoring by kicking with 17 points.

The lone game remaining seconds Tennessee Tech to Middle Tennessee Tech's Larry Schreiber leads the league in rushing and scoring, Thursday at 2 p.m.

Schreiber already owns an OVC record, 1,522 yards and leads the league in scoring with 78 points.

Three Hilltoppers were named to the OVC's weekly check list today.

They are:

-Vance, who hit on 18 passes for 276 yards and a touchdown in the finale with Murray.

-Lawrence Brame, who was credited with 11 main tackles, four of them for minus yardage.

-And Vorhees, who gained 134

yards rushing and two touchdowns, caught one pass for a TD and threw a touchdown toss.

## Vance, Green Also All-OVC

# Brame Is Defensive Player Of The Year In Ohio Valley

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

Western's Lawrence Brame was named the Ohio Valley Conference's "Defensive Player Of The Year" today by vote of the league's coaches.

Tennessee Tech's Larry Schreiber was named the top offensive player by a narrow margin over Hilltopper Johnny Vance.

And champion East Tennessee's John R. Bell was voted the coach of the year.

Brame, a 6-1, 210-pound junior from Hopkinsville, was a tower of strength all season for a Hilltopper team which finished with a blaze of victories to nail down second place in the team standings.

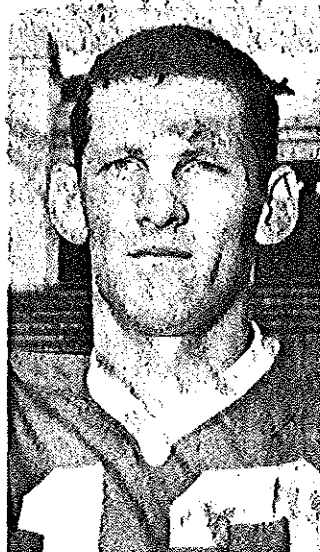
His exceptional speed and strength have made him the most feared pass-rusher in the conference.

A mark of respect by his opponents is shown by the fact that very few offensive thrusts were made at his position.

Still, his pursuit was such that he was one of the conference leaders in tackles.

Brame was one of three Hilltoppers named to the All-OVC team.

Quarterback Johnny Vance made the first team on offense.



JOHNNY VANCE

Joining Brame on the first defensive honor unit was safety Bill Green.

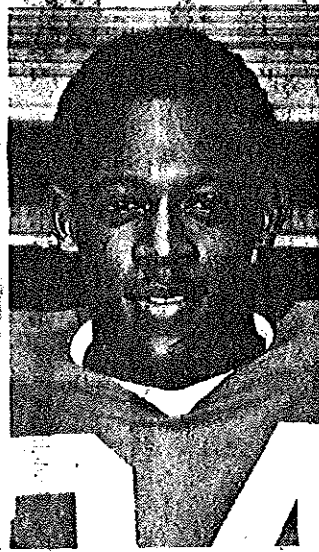
Hilltoppers on the second offensive team were:

—End Bill Rose.  
—Back Jim Vorhees.

Named to the second team on defense was linebacker Bill Barber.

Tech's Schreiber set an NCAA and OVC record by carrying the ball 877 times in his career.

He also owns the OVC career



BILL GREEN

rushing record with 4,421 yards.

Here is the All-OVC offensive team:

Ends—Harold Roberts, Austin Peay, and Jack Wolf, Murray.

Tackles—Andy Thompson, Middle Tennessee, and Darryl Sadowski, Morehead.

Guards—Bill Swaggerty, Tech, and Don Williams, Murray.

Center—John Walton, East Tennessee.

Quarterback—Johnny Vance, Western.

Running Backs—Larry Schreiber, Tech, and Jim Brooks, Eastern.

Fullback—John High, Morehead.

Place Kicker—Ronnie Harrold, East Tennessee.

Named to the first team on defense were:

Ends—Brame and Ron Mendheim, East Tennessee.

Tackles—Dave Haverdick, Morehead, and Frank Patterson, East Tenn.

Middle Guard—Ted Taylor, Eastern.

Linebackers—Doug Linebarger, East Tennessee, and David Duval, Tech; Al Guy, East Tennessee.

Backs—Bill Casey, East Tenn.; Green, Western; Joe Mulvihill, Tech; Al Guy, East Tennessee.

Kicker—Bill Marston, Morehead.

Included on the honorable mention list was Western's tackle Terry Thompson.

## In The OVC

# Tops' Vance Set 4 New Football Marks

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

Western set three Ohio Valley Conference records and quarterback Johnny Vance established four new league standards during the football season, the final OVC football statistics confirmed today.

All of Vance's and the team's marks were set against Akron.

Vance set all-time OVC records for:

- Most years total offense in one game with his 428.
- Most play with 69.
- Most passes attempted with 59.

Most passes completed with 37.

The team marks were:

- Most passes attempted with the 59.
- Most passes completed with those 37.

The most important new seasonal record set was by Tennessee Tech's Larry Schreiber with his 1,522 yards rushing.

The final starts show Vance second in the league in no less than three phases of play.

He was second in total-offense with 2,164 yards.

The leader was Murray's Matt Haug with 2,187, just 23 more

than Vance.

Vance also was second in passing with 155 completions for 1,943 and 16 touchdowns.

The leader again was Haug with 161 completions for 2,327 yards and 19 touchdowns.

And Vance finished second in punting with a 38.9 yards, compared with leader Bill Marston of Morehead with a 39.3 average.

Hilltopper Jim Vorhees was fourth in the league in rushing with 759 yards and a 4.3-yard average.

Western's Darrel Law ranked sixth in the conference in scoring by kicking with 17 points. The leader was Murray's Stan Watts with 38 points.

The Hilltoppers were second to Murray in team offense with an average of 346 yards a game, compared with the Racers' 387.

Western also was second in total defense with an average yield of 263 yards a game.

East Tennessee was No. 1 with 247 yards a game.

The Hilltoppers led the league in scoring with an average of 25.3 points a game, one-tenth of a point more than Murray averaged.

And Western was third in

scoring defense with a yield of 14 points a game.

East Tennessee led with a 10-point yield per game.

Western had more first downs (184) and more pass-interceptions (22) than any other team in the OVC.

## Toppers Sign 2 More Prep Grid Stars

Western has signed two more ace high school footballers to Ohio Valley Conference grants-in aid.

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Hilltopper Head Coach Jimmy Feix announced that Wilson Chapman, 6-3, 175-pound end from Daviess County High, and Charles Eneix, 6-3½, 222-pound tackle from Washington (Pa.) High School will play their collegiate football at Western. Both boys were signed by Assistant Coach Joe Bugel.

Chapman is a cousin of former Western basketball star Wayne Chapman, now playing with the professional Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Association.

Chapman caught 19 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns during the 1968 season and was also a defensive standout. He was named to the All-Big Eight Conference team, was an honorable mention choice in All-State balloting and was voted his team's most valuable lineman.

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Eneix is a three-year letterman in both football and track at Washington. He was named to the All-Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League first team.

Eneix holds the Western Pennsylvania shot put and discus records.

He and Chapman are the third and fourth signees landed so far this fall by Western. The Hilltoppers earlier had signed 180-pound halfback Toby Nichols and 185-pound end Brad Watson, both of Russellville, Ky.

*Pearl's Williams*

## Toppers Sign Tennessee Ace

Porter Williams, a speedy gridder from Nashville's Pearl High School, has signed an Ohio Valley Conference grant-in-aid with Western Kentucky University.

A Tennessee All-Stater and three times a member of the All-Nashville Interscholastic League team, Williams is, in the estimation of Hilltopper coach Jimmy Feix, "one of the top prospects in this part of the country" and "a real blue-chipper."

Starring at both the defensive halfback and flankerback positions, he captained his teammates to the number one ranking in Tennessee and to the 1969 Clinic Bowl championship.

A tremendous athlete, Williams has also been scouted by several colleges on the basis of his outstanding talents in both basketball and track.

Players who signed with the Hilltoppers earlier included tackle Larry Duffey, Russellville; halfback Claude Spillman, Louisville Shawnee; halfback Mike McCoy, Louisville Eastern; halfback John Embree, Larue County; quarterback Dennis Tomek, Caldwell County; guard-linebacker John Humphrey, Owensboro; and halfback Mike Hendricks, Franklin-Simpson.



## Vance 7th In Nation In Offense

Western quarterback Johnny Vance finished his career as the seventh leading college-division players in total-offense in the United States.

Vance totaled 2,164 yards running and passing.

He ranked ninth in the nation in passing with 155 completions in 307 passes for 1,943 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Murray's Matt Haug was sixth in total-offense with 2,188 yards and he ranked fourth in passing with 161 completions for 2,327 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Austin Peay's Harold Roberts finished eighth in the nation in pass-receiving with 67 catches for 869 yards and nine touchdowns.

## Toppers Sign Linebacker

Henderson City High linebacker Lonnie Schuster has signed a football grant-in-aid with Western.

The 6-1, 220-pounder becomes the fifth prep grid standout signed by the Hilltoppers this fall.

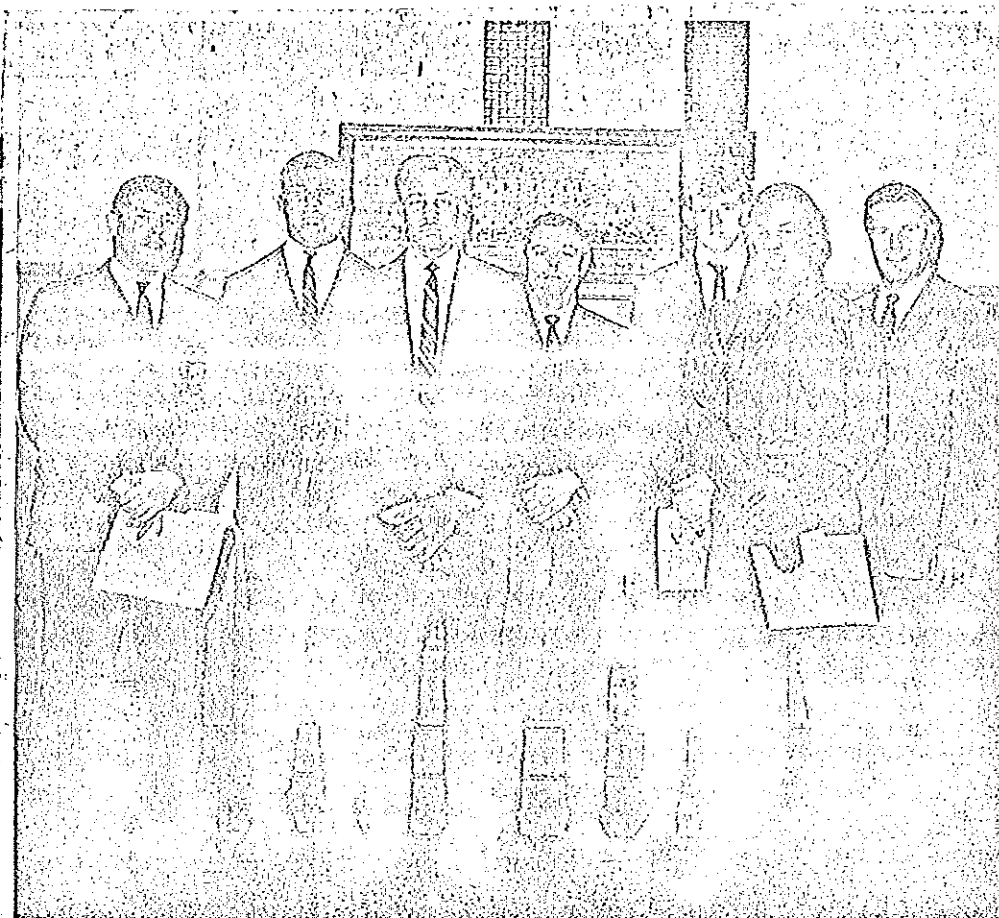
Head Coach Jimmy Feix and his staff had earlier signed end Wilson Chapman, Daviess County; tackle Charles Eneix, Washington (Pa.); end Brad Watson and halfback Toby Nichols, both of Russellville High.

Schuster was an offensive guard and defensive linebacker for Henderson City, where he was also an outstanding place-kicker.

He was named to the All-Big Eight Conference team and received recognition in this year's All-State balloting. He is a three-year letterman in both football and baseball, captained this past fall's grid team and was voted his school's most outstanding athlete.

"We believe Lonnie is a top-notch addition to our team," said Feix. "He's a dedicated and talented athlete and his ability to do so many things well should be an added asset to our program. He can play defense or offense and is a fine prospect as a kicker."

Lonnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Schuster, Henderson.



**SIGNING FOOTBALL** grants-in-aid with Western late Friday were four members of Male High's outstanding team. From left are assistant Coach Art Zalesnik, signees Allen

(Daily News Photo by Bill Collins)  
Jones and Dale Scrivener, Male coach John Conn, signees, Bob Morehead and Andu Francis and assistant head coach Joe Bugel.

## Toppers Sign Four Male Grid Stars

Western has signed four outstanding members of Male High's football team to grants-in-aid, coach Jimmy Feix announced yesterday.

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They are:

—Allen Jones, center and linebacker, a member of the All-State first team. He is 6-2 and 220.

—Drane Scrivener, 6-0, 175-pound halfback and also an All-State player

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—Andrew Francis, 5-10, 170-pound fullback. He holds the Male leadership award for this year.

—Bob Morehead, who quarterbacked the Bulldogs to a 7-2 record last season. He is 6-1 and 180 and was an All-Louisville selection.

### **Toppers To Ink BGH Halfback Frank Griffin**

Western was scheduled to sign Bowling Green High halfback Frank Griffin to an Ohio Valley Conference grant-in-aid late today.

Griffin, son of former Hilltopper line coach Frank Griffin Sr., was one of the Purples' top runners and pass-catchers the past season.

He is 5-7 and scales 170 pounds.

Western also learned today that a previous Hilltopper signee this season, Allan Jones of Louisville Male, has been named to Parade magazine's first team All-America prep list.

Jones was also an All-State center the past season.

## Tops Sign Star QB

Western signed Henderson County High quarterback Leo Peckenpaugh, rated one of the top prospects in the state by coach Jimmy Feix, to an Ohio Valley Conference football grant-in-aid yesterday.

Peckenpaugh, a 6-foot, 180-pounder, led the Big Eight Conference in scoring with 85 points last season.

He was named his team's most valuable player, made the all-conference team and gained All-State mention.

He also is a star pitcher in baseball.

Peckenpaugh was coached in high school by Al Feix, brother of the Western head coach, and by Pascal Benson.

## T'ville Star To Western

John Hamilton, a 5-11, 185-pound halfback and linebacker from Tompkinsville, has signed an Ohio Valley Conference football grant-in-aid with Western.

"John has had an outstanding career at Tompkinsville," said Western Head Coach Jimmy Feix, "and there's no reason to think he won't continue to be brilliant as a collegiate football player."

"He has a multiplicity of talents, he has been well coached, and he has played for a winner. All these attributes figure in the making of a top-notch performer."

Hamilton played at Tompkinsville under Coach Frank Pettet, a Western alumnus, and helped lead his team to the Class A District title last season.

Over the past two years, Hamilton has gained 2,557 yards rushing in 239 carries for a phenomenal 10.7 average. He scored 46 touchdowns during the 1968 and 1969 seasons and accounted for a total of 3,851 yards in rushing, pass receptions and kick returns.